

2. NAVIGATION REGULATIONS

(1) This chapter contains sections from the **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)** that are of most importance in the areas covered by Coast Pilot 9. Included are

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(2) **Note.**—These regulations can only be amended by the enforcing agency or other authority cited in the regulations. Accordingly, requests for changes to these regulations should be directed to the appropriate agency for action. In those regulations where the enforcing agency is not cited or is unclear, recommendations for changes should be directed to the following Federal agencies for action:

(3) **U.S. Coast Guard:** (33 CFR 26, 67, 80, 110, 160, 161, 162, 164, 165, and 166);

(4) **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:** (33 CFR 334);

(5) **National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** (50 CFR 223).

TITLE 33—NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

Part 26—Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations

(6) **§26.01 Purpose.**

(7) (a) The purpose of this part is to implement the provisions of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act. This part—

(8) (1) Requires the use of the vessel bridge-to-bridge radio-telephone;

(9) (2) Provides the Coast Guard’s interpretation of the meaning of important terms in the Act;

(10) (3) Prescribes the procedures for applying for an exemption from the Act and the regulations issued under the Act and a listing of exemptions.

(11) (b) Nothing in this part relieves any person from the obligation of complying with the rules of the road and the applicable pilot rules.

§26.02 Definitions.

(12) For the purpose of this part and interpreting the Act—

(13) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating;

(14) “Act” means the “Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act,” 33 U.S.C. sections 1201-1208;

(15) “Length” is measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer;

(16) “Power-driven vessel” means any vessel propelled by machinery; and

(17) “Towing vessel” means any commercial vessel engaged in towing another vessel astern, alongside, or by pushing ahead.

(18) “Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)” means a service implemented under Part 161 of this chapter by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(19) “Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS Area” means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service as described in Part 161 of this chapter. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(20) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

§26.03 Radiotelephone required.

(21) (a) Unless an exemption is granted under §26.09 and except as provided in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, this part applies to:

(22) (1) Every power-driven vessel of 20 meters or over in length while navigating;

(23) (2) Every vessel of 100 gross tons and upward carrying one or more passengers for hire while navigating;

(24) (3) Every towing vessel of 26 feet or over in length while navigating; and

(25) (4) Every dredge and floating plant engaged in or near a channel or fairway in operations likely to restrict or affect navigation of other vessels except for an unmanned or intermittently manned floating plant under the control of a dredge.

(26) (b) Every vessel, dredge, or floating plant described in paragraph (a) of this section must have a radiotelephone on board capable of operation from its navigational bridge, or in the case of a dredge, from its main control station, and capable of transmitting and receiving on the frequency or frequencies within the 156-162 Mega-Hertz band using the classes of emissions design-

nated by the Federal Communications Commission for the exchange of navigational information.

(29) (c) The radiotelephone required by paragraph (b) of this section must be carried on board the described vessels, dredges, and floating plants upon the navigable waters of the United States.

(30) (d) The radiotelephone required by paragraph (b) of this section must be capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF-FM channel 22A (157.1 MHz).

(31) (e) While transiting any of the following waters, each vessel described in paragraph (a) of this section also must have on board a radiotelephone capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF-FM channel 67 (156.375 MHz):

(32) (1) The lower Mississippi River from the territorial sea boundary, and within either the Southwest Pass safety fairway or the South Pass safety fairway specified in 33 CFR 166.200, to mile 242.4 AHP (Above Head of Passes) near Baton Rouge;

(33) (2) The Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet from the territorial sea boundary, and within the Mississippi River-Gulf outlet Safety Fairway specified in 33 CFR 166.200, to that channel's junction with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and

(34) (3) The full length of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal from its junction with the Mississippi River to that canal's entry to Lake Pontchartrain at the New Seabrook vehicular bridge.

(35) (f) In addition to the radiotelephone required by paragraph (b) of this section each vessel described in paragraph (a) of this section while transiting any waters within a Vessel Traffic Service Area, must have on board a radiotelephone capable of transmitting and receiving on the VTS designated frequency in Table 26.03(f) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

(36) **Note:** A single VHF-FM radio capable of scanning or sequential monitoring (often referred to as "dual watch" capability) will not meet the requirements for two radios.

(37) **§26.04 Use of the designated frequency.**

(38) (a) No person may use the frequency designated by the Federal Communications Commission under section 8 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1207(a), to transmit any information other than information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels or necessary tests.

(39) (b) Each person who is required to maintain a listening watch under section 5 of the Act shall, when necessary, transmit and confirm, on the designated frequency, the intentions of his vessel and any other information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels.

(40) (c) Nothing in these regulations may be construed as prohibiting the use of the designated frequency to communicate with shore stations to obtain or furnish information necessary for the safe navigation of vessels.

(41) (d) On the navigable waters of the United States, channel 13 (156.65 MHz) is the designated frequency required to be monitored in accordance with §26.05(a) except that in the area prescribed in §26.03(e), channel 67 (156.375 MHz) is the designated frequency.

(42) (e) On those navigable waters of the United States within a VTS area, the designated VTS frequency is an additional designated frequency required to be monitored in accordance with §26.05.

(43) **Note:** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating

in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

(44) **§26.05 Use of radiotelephone.**

(45) Section 5 of the Act states that the radiotelephone required by this Act is for the exclusive use of the master or person in charge of the vessel, or the person designated by the master or person in charge to pilot or direct the movement of the vessel, who shall maintain a listening watch on the designated frequency. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as precluding the use of portable radiotelephone equipment to satisfy the requirements of this act.

(46) **§26.06 Maintenance of radiotelephone; failure of radiotelephone.** Section 6 of the Act states—

(47) (a) Whenever radiotelephone capability is required by this Act, a vessel's radiotelephone equipment shall be maintained in effective operating condition. If the radiotelephone equipment carried aboard a vessel ceases to operate, the master shall exercise due diligence to restore it or cause it to be restored to effective operating condition at the earliest practicable time. The failure of a vessel's radiotelephone equipment shall not, in itself, constitute a violation of this Act, nor shall it obligate the master of any vessel to moor or anchor his vessel; however, the loss of radiotelephone capability shall be given consideration in the navigation of the vessel.

(48) **§26.07 Communications.**

(49) No person may use the services of, and no person may serve as, a person required to maintain a listening watch under section 5 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1204, unless the person can communicate in the English language.

(50) **§26.08 Exemption procedures.**

(51) (a) The Commandant has redelegated to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, with the reservation that this authority shall not be further redelegated, the authority to grant exemptions from provisions of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and this part.

(52) (b) Any person may petition for an exemption from any provision of the Act or this part;

(53) (c) Each petition must be submitted in writing to U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, and must state:

(54) (1) The provisions of the Act or this part from which an exemption is requested; and

(55) (2) The reasons why marine navigation will not be adversely affected if the exemption is granted and if the exemption relates to a local communication system how that system would fully comply with the intent of the concept of the Act but would not conform in detail if the exemption is granted.

(56) **§26.09 List of exemptions.** (a) All vessels navigating on those waters governed by the navigation rules for Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters (33 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) are exempt from the requirements of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and this part until May 6, 1975.

(57) (b) Each vessel navigating on the Great Lakes as defined in the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 (33 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) and to which the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act (33 U.S.C. 1201-1208) applies is exempt from the requirements in 33 U.S.C. 1203, 1204, and 1205 and the regulations under §§26.03, 26.04, 26.05, 26.06, and 26.07. Each of these vessels and each person to whom 33 U.S.C. 1208(a) applies must

TABLE 26.03(f)–VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES (VTS) CALL SIGNS, DESIGNATED FREQUENCIES, AND MONITORING AREAS

Vessel traffic services ¹ (call sign)	Designated frequencies ² (channel designation)	Monitoring area
New York³		
New York Traffic ⁴	156.550 MHz (Ch.11) and 156.700 MHz (Ch.14). 156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters of the Lower New York Harbor bounded on the east by a line drawn from the Norton Point to Breezy Point; on the south by a line connecting the entrance buoys at the Asmbrose Channel, Swash Channel and Sandy Hook Channel to Sandy Hook Point; and on the southeast including the waters of the Sandy hook Bay south to a line drawn at 40°25'N.; then west into waters of the Raritan Bay to the Raritan River Rail Road Bridge; and then north including the waters of the Arthur Kill and Newark Bay to the Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge at 40°41.95'N.; and then east including the waters of the Kill Van Kull and Upper New York Bay north to a line drawn east-west from the Holland Tunnel Ventilator Shaft at 40°43.7'N., 74°01.6'W. In the Hudson River; and continuing east including the waters of the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River. Each vessel at anchor within the above areas.
Houston³		
Houston Traffic.	156.550 MHz (Ch.11). 156.600 MHz (Ch 12).	The navigable waters north of 29°N., west of 94°20'W., south of 29°49'N., and east of 95°20'W.: The navigable waters north of a line extending due west from the southernmost end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.) The navigable waters south of a line extending due west from the southernmost end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.)
Berwick Bay		
Berwick Traffic	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The navigable waters south of 29°45'N., west of 91°10'W., north of 29°37'N., and east of 91°18'W.
St. Marys River		
Soo Control	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters of the St. Marys River between 45°57'N. (De Tour Reef Light) and 46°38.7'N. (Ile Parisienne Light), except the St. Marys Falls Canal and those navigable waters east of a line from 46°04.16'N. And 46°01.57'N. (La Pointe to Sims Point in Potagannissing Bay and Worsley Bay).
San Francisco³		
San Francisco Offshore Vessel Movement.	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.) excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area.
Reporting Service San Francisco Traffic.	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area eastward to San Francisco Bay including its tributaries extending to the ports of Stockton, Sacramento and Redwood City.
Puget Sound⁵		
Seattle Traffic ⁶	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14) 156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A)	The navigable waters of Puget Sound, Hood Canal and adjacent waters south of a line connecting Nodule Point (48°01.5'N., 122°40.05'W.) and Bush Point (48°01.5'N., 122°36.23'W.) in Admiralty Inlet and south of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point (47°34'N., 122°40'W.) on Whidbey Island to the shoreline. The navigable waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of 124°40'W., excluding the waters in the central portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks (48°18'N., 123°32'W.); the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks (48°18'N., 123°32'W.); the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty Inlet north of a line connecting Nodule Point (48°01.5'N., 122°40.05'W.) and Bush Point (48°01.5'N., 122°36.23'W.) and all waters of Whidbey Island north of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point (47°34'N., 122°40'W.) on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.

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Vessel traffic services¹ (call sign)	Designated frequencies² (channel designation)	Monitoring area
Tofino Traffic ⁷	156.725 MHz (Ch. 74)	The Waters west of 124°40'W, within 50 nautical miles of the coast of Vancouver Island including the waters north 48°N., and east of 127°W.
Vancouver Traffic.	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia west of 122°52'W., the navigable waters of the central Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks, including the Gulf Island Archipelago, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait.
Prince William Sound⁸		
Valdez Traffic	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The navigable waters south of 61°05'N., east of 147°20'W., north of 60°N., and west of 146°30'W.; and , all navigable waters in Port Valdez.
Louisville⁸		
Louisville Traffic	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The navigable waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 6-6) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593)

NOTES:

1. VTS regulations are denoted in 33 CFR Part 161. All geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

2. In the event of a communication failure either by the vessel traffic center or the vessel or radio congestion on a designated VTS frequency, communications may be established on an alternate VTS frequency. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is monitored in each VTS area; and it may be used as an alternate frequency, however, only to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means.

3. Designated frequency monitoring is required within U.S. Navigable waters. In areas which are outside the U.S. Navigable waters, designated frequency monitoring is voluntary. However, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

4. VMRS participants shall make their initial report (Sail Plan) to New York Traffic on Channel 11 (156.550 MHz). All other reports, including the Final Report, shall be made on Channel 14 (156.700 MHz). VMRS and other VTS Users shall monitor Channel 14 (156.700 MHz) while transiting the VTS area. New York Traffic may direct a vessel to monitor and report on either primary frequency depending on traffic density, weather conditions, or other safety factors. This does not require a vessel to monitor both primary frequencies.

5. A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate vessel traffic center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, it will enforce only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction.

6. Seattle Traffic may direct a vessel to monitor the other primary VTS frequency 156.250 MHz or 156.700 MHz (Channel 5A or 14) depending on traffic density, weather conditions, or other safety factors, rather than strictly adhering to the designated frequency required for each monitoring area as defined above. This does not require a vessel to monitor both primary frequencies.

7. A portion of Tofino Sector's monitoring area extends beyond the defined CVTS area. Designated frequency monitoring is voluntary in these portions outside of VTS jurisdiction, however, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

8. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is used in these VTSS because the level of radiotelephone transmissions does not warrant a designated VTS frequency. The listening watch required by §26.05 of this chapter is not limited to the monitoring area.

comply with Articles VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XV, and XVI and Technical Regulations 1-9 of "The Agreement Between the United States of America and Canada for Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio, 1973."

(58) **§26.10 Penalties.** Section 9 of the Act states—

(59) (a) Whoever, being the master or person in charge of a vessel subject to the Act, fails to enforce or comply with the Act or the regulations hereunder; or whoever, being designated by the master or person in charge of a vessel subject to the Act to pilot or direct the movement of a vessel fails to enforce or comply with the Act or the regulations hereunder—is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 to be assessed by the Secretary.

(60) (b) Every vessel navigated in violation of the Act or the regulations hereunder is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 to be assessed by the Secretary, for which the vessel may be proceeded against in any District Court of the United States having jurisdiction.

(61) (c) Any penalty assessed under this section may be remitted or mitigated by the Secretary, upon such terms as he may deem proper.

Part 67—Aids to Navigation on Artificial Islands and Fixed Structures (in part)

Subpart 67.01—General Requirements

(62) **§67.01—1 Scope.**

(63) (a) The regulations in this part prescribe the obstruction lights and fog signals to be operated as privately maintained maritime aids to navigation on the artificial islands and structures which are erected on or over the seabed and subsoil of the Outer Continental Shelf and in the waters under the jurisdiction of the United States, for the purpose of exploring for, developing, removing and transporting resources therefrom.

(64) (b) Subpart 66.01 in Part 66 of this subchapter shall be applicable to all private aids to navigation erected on or over the Outer Continental Shelf in the same manner and to the same extent as they are applicable to private aids to navigation established, erected, or maintained in the waters under the jurisdiction of the United States.

(65) **§67.01—5 Definitions.**

(66) (a) Structures. The term "structures" as used in this part shall include all fixed structures, temporary or permanent, for which a Corps of Engineers' permit is issued. It shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, all drilling platforms, production platforms, quarters platforms, pipe line riser platforms, manifold platforms, loading platforms, boat landings, caissons, well protective structures, tank battery barges submerged on station, drilling barges submerged on location, breakwater barges submerged on location, artificial islands and all other piles, pile clusters, pipes, or structures erected in the waters.

(67) (b) Class "A", "B", or "C" structures. The term "Class A, B, or C structures" refers to the classification assigned to structures erected in areas in which corresponding requirements for marking are prescribed.

(68) (c) Line of demarcation. The term "line of demarcation" means the dividing line used administratively to distinguish between the areas in which structures shall conform to Class "A" and Class "B" or "C" requirements.

(69) (d) Outer Continental Shelf. The term "Outer Continental Shelf" means all submerged lands lying seaward and outside the area of lands beneath navigable waters as defined in the

Submerged Lands Act (sec. 2, 67 Stat. 29, 43 U. S. C. 1301), and of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States and are subject to its jurisdiction and control.

(70) (e) Reliable operation. The term "reliable" as used in this part shall mean that dependability which will insure to the highest degree reasonably possible the uninterrupted operation of lights and fog signals as private aids to navigation for safety of marine commerce.

(71) (f) Fog signal. The term "fog signal" as used in this part shall mean the audible sound signal, authorized as a private aid to navigation, to mark a structure for the safety of marine commerce whenever the visibility has been reduced by fog, mist, rain, falling snow, smoke, dust, or other phenomena.

(72) **§67.01—10 Authority to regulate and delegation of functions.**

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(74) Delegation of functions. The Coast Guard District Commander is hereby delegated responsibility for performing, or having performed the inspections, enforcement, and administration of such regulations, which are or may be required. He may redelegate this authority as necessary to any person from the civilian or military branch of the Coast Guard.

(75) **§67.01—15 Classification of structures.**

(76) (a) The varied depths of water and marine commerce traffic routes which exist in the waters over the Outer Continental Shelf, and in other waters, permit the classification of structures according to their location in such waters. Those structures in the area seaward of the line of demarcation, prescribed by the regulations in this part, are designated as Class "A" structures. All structures shoreward of the line of demarcation, prescribed by the regulations in this part, are designated as either Class "B" or Class "C" structures.

(77) (b) In the event a line of demarcation is not prescribed, the District Commander shall designate a structure "A", "B", or "C" as he deems appropriate.

(78) **§67.01—20 Prescribing lines of demarcation.**

(79) In those areas where lines of demarcation are not prescribed, or where they have been prescribed and require modification, the District Commander shall submit his recommendations thereon to the Commandant for establishment or changes as required. When approved by the Commandant, and upon publication in the Federal Register, such additions or changes in lines of demarcation shall be effective for the purposes of this part.

(80) **§67.01—30 Equivalents.**

(81) The use of alternate equipment, apparatus, or installation arrangements specified in this part may be permitted by the District Commander to such extent and under such conditions as will result in achieving a degree of safety or compliance with these regulations equivalent to or above the minimum requirements set forth in this part.

Subpart 67.05—General Requirements for Lights

(82) **§67.05—1 Arrangement of obstruction lights.**

(83) (a) Structures having a maximum horizontal dimension of 30 feet or less on any one side, or in diameter, shall be required to have one obstruction light visible for 360°.

(84) (b) Structures having a maximum horizontal dimension of over 30 feet, but not in excess of 50 feet, on any one side, or in diameter, shall be required to have two obstruction lights installed on diagonally opposite corners, 180° apart, or as prescribed by the District Commander, each light to have a 360° lens.

(85) (c) Structures having a horizontal dimension of over 50 feet on any one side, or in diameter, shall be required to have an obstruction light on each corner, or 90° apart in the case of circular structures, or as prescribed by the District Commander, each light to have a 360° lens.

(86) (d) Where the overall dimensions of a structure require the installation of two or more obstruction lights, the lights shall all be mounted on the same horizontal plane within the limitations of height specified in §67.20–5, §67.25–5, or §67.30–5, as applicable.

(87) (e) Lesser structures and piles, pile clusters or flare templates, etc., will not normally be required to be marked by obstruction lights, when they are located within 100 yards of a Class “A”, “B” or “C” structure marked by established obstruction lights, but they shall be marked with red or white retro-reflective material, installed as prescribed by the District Commander.

(88) (f) All obstruction lights shall be installed in a manner which will permit at least one of them to be carried in sight of the mariner, regardless of the angle of approach, until he is within 50 feet of the structure visibility permitting.

(89) **§67.05–5 Multiple obstruction lights.**

(90) When more than one obstruction light is required by this part to mark a structure, all such lights shall be operated to flash in unison.

(91) **§67.05–10 Characteristics of obstruction lights.**

(92) All obstruction lights required by this part shall be powered from a reliable power source, including auxiliary power sources as necessary. They shall display a quick-flash characteristic of approximately 60 flashes per minute, unless prescribed otherwise in the permit issued by the District Commander. Their color shall be white when marking Class “A” and “B” structures, and either white or red, as prescribed by the District Commander, when marking Class “C” structures. In determining whether white or red lights shall be authorized, the District Commander shall take into consideration matters concerning, but not necessarily limited to, the dimensions of the structure and the depth of water in which it is located; the proximity of the structure to vessel routes; the nature and amount of vessel traffic; and the effect of background lighting.

(93) **§67.05–15 Operating periods of obstruction lights.**

(94) Obstruction lights shall be displayed at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise, local time, commencing at the time the construction of a structure is begun. During construction and until such time as a platform capable of supporting the obstruction lights is completed, the fixed lights on an attending vessel shall be used. In addition, when lights are in use for general illumination to facilitate the construction or operation of a structure, and can be seen from any angle of approach at a distance equal to that prescribed for the obstruction lights for the class of structure, the actual operation of obstruction lights also will not be required.

(95) **§67.05–20 Minimum lighting requirements.**

(96) The obstruction lighting requirements prescribed in this part are the minimum requirements only and shall not preclude the maintainer from making application for authorization to establish more lights, or lights of greater intensity than required to be visible at the distances prescribed: provided, that the prescribed characteristics of color and flash duration are adhered to.

(97) **§67.05–25 Special lighting requirements.**

(98) Whenever a structure is erected in a position on or adjacent to the edges of navigable channels and fairways, or lines of

demarcation, the District Commander is authorized to require the structure to be marked by the lights which in his judgment are necessary for the safety of marine commerce, and without regard to the fact that the structure may be located in an area in which either Class “B” or Class “C” requirements are otherwise applicable. The requirements for the lights in any of these cases, shall not exceed those established for structures in the Class “A” areas.

Subpart 67.10—General Requirements for Fog Signals

(99) **§67.10–1 Apparatus requirements.**

(100) The fog signal required by §§67.20–10, 67.25–10, and 67.30–10 must:

(101) (a) Have its maximum intensity at a frequency between 100 and 1,100 Hertz;

(102) (b) Sound a 2-second blast every 20 seconds (2 seconds sound, 18 seconds silence) unless otherwise authorized by the District Commander;

(103) (c) Have the range required by §67.20–10, §67.25–10, or §67.30–10;

(104) (d) Have a height not exceeding 25 feet;

(105) (e) Have not more than eight sound sources;

(106) (f) Be approved by the Coast Guard under §67.10–15; and

(107) (g) Be permanently marked with:

(108) (1) The date of Coast Guard approval;

(109) (2) The manufacturer and date of manufacture;

(110) (3) A model designation;

(111) (4) The approved range; and

(112) (5) The power necessary to comply with the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section.

(113) **§67.10–5 Location requirements.**

(114) The fog signal required by §§67.20–10, 67.25–10, and 67.30–10 must:

(115) (a) Be located on the structure so that the sound signal produced is audible over 360° in a horizontal plane at all ranges up to and including the required range; and

(116) (b) Be located at least 10 feet but not more than 150 feet above mean high water.

(117) **§67.10–10 Operating requirements.**

(118) (a) Fog signals required by §§67.20–10, 67.25–10 and 67.30–10 must be operated continuously, regardless of visibility, unless the fog signal is controlled:

(119) (1) By an attendant on the structure;

(120) (2) Remotely by an attendant on a nearby structure; or

(121) (3) By a fog detection device capable of activating the fog signal when the visibility in any direction is reduced to the range at which fog signal operation is required by this part.

(122) (b) During construction and until such time as a fog signal is installed and operating on a platform, the whistle of an attending vessel moored alongside the platform may be used to sound the signal required for the structure by this part.

(123) **§67.10–15 Approval of fog signals.**

(124) (a) The Coast Guard approves a fog signal if:

(125) (1) It meets the requirements for fog signals in §67.10–1(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) when tested under §67.10–20; or

(126) (2) It is similar to a fog signal which was tested and approved under the provisions of this section and the Coast Guard has approved all variations in design, construction, production, and manufacture from the fog signal tested.

(127) (b) A fog signal that is an identical production model of a fog signal which has been approved under paragraph (a) of this section is a Coast Guard approved fog signal.

Part 80—COLREGS Demarcation Lines

(128) **§80.01 General basis and purpose of demarcation lines.** (a) The regulations in this part establish the lines of demarcation delineating those waters upon which mariners shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) and those waters upon which mariners shall comply with the Inland Navigation Rules.

(129) (b) The waters inside of the lines are Inland Rules waters. The waters outside the lines are COLREGS waters.

(130) (c) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(131) **§80.1705 Alaska**

(132) The 72 COLREGS shall apply on all the sounds, bays, harbors, and inlets of Alaska.

Part 110.—Anchorage Regulations

(133) **§110.1 General.** (a) The areas described in Subpart A of this part are designated as special anchorage areas for purposes of 33 U.S.C. §§2030(g) and 2035(j). Vessels of less than 20 meters in length, and barges, canal boats, scows, or other nondescript craft, are not required to sound signals required by rule 35 of the Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2035). Vessels of less than 20 meters are not required to exhibit anchor lights or shapes required by rule 30 of the Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2030).

(134) (b) The anchorage grounds for vessels described in Subpart B of this part are established, and the rules and regulations in relation thereto adopted, pursuant to the authority contained in section 7 of the act of March 4, 1915, as amended (38 Stat. 1053; 33 U.S.C. 471).

(135) (c) All bearings in this part are referred to true meridian.

(136) (d) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

Subpart A—Special Anchorage Areas (None applicable to this Coast Pilot.)

Subpart B—Anchorage Grounds

(137) **§110.233 Prince William Sound, Alaska.** (a) The anchorage grounds. In Prince William Sound, Alaska, beginning at a point at latitude 60°40'00"N., longitude 146°40'00"W.; thence south to

(138) 60°38'00"N., 146°40'00"W.; thence east to

(139) 60°38'00"N., 146°30'00"W.; thence north to

(140) 60°39'00"N., 146°30'00"W.; thence northwesterly to the beginning point.

(141) (b) The regulations. (1) This anchorage area is for the temporary use of vessels during:

(142) (i) Adverse weather or tidal conditions;

(143) (ii) Vessel equipment failure; or

(144) (iii) Delays at Port Valdez;

(145) (2) No vessel may anchor in this anchorage without notifying the vessel traffic center in Valdez; and

(146) (3) Each vessel anchored shall notify the vessel traffic center in Valdez when it weighs anchor.

Part 160—Ports and Waterways Safety-General

Subpart A—General §160.1 Purpose.

(147) (a) This subchapter contains regulations implementing the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221) and related statutes.

(148) **§160.3 Definitions.**

(149) For the purposes of this subchapter:

(150) “Bulk” means material in any quantity that is shipped, stored, or handled without the benefit of package, label, mark or count and carried in integral or fixed independent tanks.

(151) “Captain of the Port” means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Captain of the Port Zone as described in part 3 of this chapter.

(152) “Commandant” means the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

(153) “Commanding Officer, Vessel Traffic Services” means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) as described in part 161 of this chapter.

(154) “Deviation” means any departure from any rule in this subchapter.

(155) “District Commander” means the Coast Guard officer designated by the Commandant to command a Coast Guard District as described in part 3 of this chapter.

(156) “ETA” means estimated time of arrival.

(157) “Length of Tow” means, when towing with a hawser, the length in feet from the stern of the towing vessel to the stern of the last vessel in tow. When pushing ahead or towing alongside, length of tow means the tandem length in feet of the vessels in tow excluding the length of the towing vessel.

(158) “Person” means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or governmental entity.

(159) “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(160) “Tanker” means a self-propelled tank vessel constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous materials in bulk in the cargo spaces.

(161) “Tank Vessel” means a vessel that is constructed or adapted to carry, or that carries, oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue.

(162) “Vehicle” means every type of conveyance capable of being used as a means of transportation on land.

(163) “Vessel” means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

(164) “Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)” means a service implemented under Part 161 of this chapter by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(165) “Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS Area” means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service as described in Part 161 of this chapter. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(166) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry, to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

(167) “VTS Special Area” means a waterway within a VTS area in which special operating requirements apply.

(168) **§160.5 Delegations.**

(169) (a) District Commanders and Captains of the Ports are delegated the authority to establish safety zones.

(170) (b) Under the provisions of 33 CFR 6.04-1 and 6.04-6, District Commanders and Captains of the Ports have been delegated authority to establish security zones.

(171) (c) Under the provisions 33 CFR §1.05-1, District Commanders have been delegated authority to establish regulated navigation area.

(172) (d) Subject to the supervision of the cognizant Captain of the Port and District Commander, Commanding Officers, Vessel Traffic Services are delegated authority under 33 CFR 1.01-30 to discharge the duties of the Captain of the Port that involve directing the operation, movement, and anchorage of vessels within a Vessel Traffic Service area including management of vessel traffic within anchorages, regulated navigation areas and safety zones, and to enforce Vessel Traffic Service and ports and waterways safety regulations. This authority may be exercised by Vessel Traffic Center personnel. The Vessel Traffic Center may, within the Vessel Traffic Service Area, provide information, make recommendations, or, to a vessel required under Part 161 of this chapter to participate in a Vessel Traffic Service, issue an order, including an order to operate or anchor as directed; required the vessel to comply with orders issued; specify times of entry, movement or departing; restrict operations as necessary for safe operation under the circumstances; or take other action necessary for control of the vessel and the safety of the port or of the marine environment.

(173) **§160.7 Appeals.**

(174) (a) Any person directly affected by a safety zone or an order or direction issued under this subchapter (33 CFR Subchapter P) may request reconsideration by the official who issued it or in whose name it was issued. This request may be made orally or in writing, and the decision of the official receiving the request may be rendered orally or in writing.

(175) (b) Any person directly affected by the establishment of a safety zone or by an order or direction issued by, or on behalf of, a Captain of the Port may appeal to the District Commander through the Captain of the Port. The appeal must be in writing,

except as allowed under paragraph (d) of this section, and shall contain complete supporting documentation and evidence which the appellant wishes to have considered. Upon receipt of the appeal, the District Commander may direct a representative to gather and submit documentation or other evidence which would be necessary or helpful to a resolution of the appeal. A copy of this documentation and evidence is made available to the appellant. The appellant is afforded five working days from the date of receipt to submit rebuttal materials. Following submission of all materials, the District Commander issues a ruling, in writing, on the appeal. Prior to issuing the ruling, the District Commander may, as a matter of discretion, allow oral presentation on the issues.

(176) (c) Any person directly affected by the establishment of a safety zone or by an order or direction issued by a District Commander, or who receives an unfavorable ruling on an appeal taken under paragraph (b) of this section, may appeal through the District Commander to the Assistant Commandant for Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593. The appeal must be in writing, except as allowed under paragraph (d) of this section. The District Commander forwards the appeal, all the documents and evidence which formed the record upon which the order or direction was issued or the ruling under paragraph (b) of this section was made, and any comments which might be relevant, to the Assistant Commandant for Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection. A copy of this documentation and evidence is made available to the appellant. The appellant is afforded five working days from the date of receipt to submit rebuttal materials to the Assistant Commandant for Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection. The decision of the Assistant Commandant for Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection is based upon the materials submitted, without oral argument or presentation. The decision of the Assistant Commandant for Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection is issued in writing and constitutes final agency action.

(177) (d) If the delay in presenting a written appeal would have significant adverse impact on the appellant, the appeal under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section may initially be presented orally. If an initial presentation of the appeal is made orally, the appellant must submit the appeal in writing within five days of the oral presentation to the Coast Guard official to whom the presentation was made. The written appeal must contain, at a minimum, the basis for the appeal and a summary of the material presented orally. If requested, the official to whom the appeal is directed may stay the effect of the action while the ruling is being appealed.

Subpart B—Control of Vessel and Facility Operations

(178) **§160.101 Purpose.**

(179) This subpart describes the authority exercised by District Commanders and Captains of the Ports to insure the safety of vessels and waterfront facilities, and the protection of the navigable waters and the resources therein. The controls described in this subpart are directed to specific situations and hazards.

(180) **§160.103 Applicability.**

(181) (a) This subpart applies to any-

(182) (1) Vessel on the navigable waters of the United States, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section;

(183) (2) Bridge or other structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States; and

(184) (3) Land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to the navigable waters of the United States.

(185) (b) This subpart does not apply to any vessel on the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

(186) (c) Except pursuant to international treaty, convention, or agreement, to which the United States is a party, this subpart does not apply to any foreign vessel that is not destined for, or departing from, a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and that is in-

(187) (1) Innocent passage through the territorial sea of the United States;

(188) (2) Transit through the navigable waters of the United States which form a part of an international strait.

(189) **§160.105 Compliance with orders.**

(190) Each person who has notice of the terms of an order issued under this subpart must comply with that order.

(191) **§160.107 Denial of entry.**

(192) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port, subject to recognized principles of international law, may deny entry into the navigable waters of the United States or to any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, to any vessel not in compliance with the provisions of the Port and Tanker Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221-1232) or the regulations issued thereunder.

(193) **§160.109 Waterfront facility safety.**

(194) (a) To prevent damage to, or destruction of, any bridge or other structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States, or any land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to those waters, and to protect the navigable waters and the resources therein from harm resulting from vessel or structure damage, destruction, or loss, each District Commander or Captain of the Port may-

(195) (1) Direct the handling, loading, unloading, storage, stowage, and movement (including the emergency removal, control, and disposition) of explosives or other dangerous articles and substances, including oil or hazardous material as those terms are defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101 on any structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States, or any land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to those waters; and

(196) (2) Conduct examinations to assure compliance with the safety equipment requirements for structures.

(197) **§160.111 Special orders applying to vessel operations.**

(198) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may order a vessel to operate or anchor in the manner directed when-

(199) (a) The District Commander or Captain of the Port has reasonable cause to believe that the vessel is not in compliance with any regulation, law or treaty;

(200) (b) The District Commander or Captain of the Port determines that the vessel does not satisfy the conditions for vessel operation and cargo transfers specified in §160.113; or

(201) (c) The District Commander or Captain of the Port has determined that such order is justified in the interest of safety by reason of weather, visibility, sea conditions, temporary port congestion, other temporary hazardous circumstances, or the condition of the vessel.

(202) **§160.113 Prohibition of vessel operation and cargo transfers.**

(203) (a) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may prohibit any vessel, subject to the provisions of chapter 37 of Title 46, U.S. Code, from operating in the navigable waters of the United States, or from transferring cargo or residue in any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, if the District Commander or the Captain of the Port determines that the vessel's history of accidents, pollution incidents, or serious repair problems creates reason to believe that the vessel may be unsafe or pose a threat to the marine environment.

(204) (b) The authority to issue orders prohibiting operation of the vessels or transfer of cargo or residue under paragraph (a) of this section also applies if the vessel:

(205) (1) Fails to comply with any applicable regulation;

(206) (2) Discharges oil or hazardous material in violation of any law or treaty of the United States;

(207) (3) Does not comply with applicable vessel traffic service requirements;

(208) (4) While underway, does not have at least one licensed deck officer on the navigation bridge who is capable of communicating in the English language.

(209) (c) When a vessel has been prohibited from operating in the navigable waters of the United States under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, the District Commander or Captain of the Port may allow provisional entry into the navigable waters of the United States, or into any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States and within the district or zone of that District Commander or Captain of the Port, if the owner or operator of such vessel proves to the satisfaction of the District Commander or Captain of the Port, that the vessel is not unsafe or does not pose a threat to the marine environment, and that such entry is necessary for the safety of the vessel or the persons on board.

(210) (d) A vessel which has been prohibited from operating in the navigable waters of the United States, or from transferring cargo or residue in a port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States under the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b)(1), (2) or (3) of this section, may be allowed provisional entry if the owner or operator proves, to the satisfaction of the District Commander or Captain of the Port that has jurisdiction, that the vessel is no longer unsafe or a threat to the environment, and that the condition which gave rise to the prohibition no longer exists.

(211) **§160.115 Withholding of clearance.**

(212) (a) Each District Commander or Captain of the Port may request the Secretary of the Treasury, or the authorized representative thereof, to withhold or revoke the clearance required by 46 U.S.C. App. 91 of any vessel, the owner or operator of which is subject to any penalties under 33 U.S.C. 1232.

Subpart C—Notifications of Arrivals, Departures, Hazardous Conditions, and Certain Dangerous Cargoes

(213) **§160.201 Applicability and exceptions to applicability.**

(214) (a) This subpart prescribes notification requirements for U.S. and foreign vessels bound for or departing from ports or places in the United States.

(215) (b) This part does not apply to recreational vessels under 46 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. and, except §160.215, does not apply to:

(216) (1) Passenger and supply vessels when they are employed in the exploration for or in the removal of oil, gas, or mineral resources on the continental shelf, and

(217) (2) Oil Spill Recovery Vessels (OSRVs) when engaged in actual spill response operations or during spill response exercises.

(218) (c) [Suspended]

(219) (d) [Suspended]

(220) (e) Section 160.T208 does not apply to the following:

(221) (1) Each vessel of 300 gross tons or less, except a foreign vessel of 300 gross tons or less entering any port or place in the Seventh Coast Guard District as described by §3.35–1(b) of this chapter.

(222) (2) Each vessel operating exclusively within a Captain of the Port zone.

(223) (3) [Reserved]

(224) (4) Each vessel arriving at a port or place under force majeure.

(225) (5) [Reserved]

(226) (6) Each barge.

(227) (7) Each public vessel.

(228) (8) [Reserved].

(229) (9) U.S. vessels, except tank vessels, operating solely between U.S. ports on the Great Lakes.

(230) (f) Sections 160.T212 and 160.T214 apply to each vessel arriving at or departing from a port or place in the United States carrying certain dangerous cargo. A vessel submitting a notice of arrival under §160.T212 need not submit another notice as required in §160.T208.

(231) (g) Sections 160.T208, 160.T212, and 160.T214 apply to each vessel upon the waters of the Mississippi River between its mouth and mile 235, Lower Mississippi River, above Head of Passes. Sections 106.207, 160.211, and 160.213 do not apply to each vessel upon the waters of the Mississippi River between its sources and mile 235, above the Head of Passes, and all the tributaries emptying thereinto and their tributaries, and that part of the Atchafalya River above its junction with the Plaquemine-Morgan City alternate waterway, and the Red River of the North.

(232) **§160.203 Definitions.**

(233) As used in this subpart:

(234) *Agent* means any person, partnership, firm, company or corporation engaged by the owner or charterer of a vessel to act in their behalf in matters concerning the vessel.

(235) *Carried in bulk* means a commodity that is loaded or carried on board a vessel without containers or labels and received and handled without mark or count.

(236) *Certain dangerous cargo* includes any of the following:

(237) (a) Division 1.1 or 1.2, explosive materials, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.

(238) (b) Division 5.1, Oxidizing materials, or Division 1.5, blasting agents, for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415, or for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.

(239) (c) Division 4.3, Spontaneously Combustible products in excess of 60 metric tons per vessel.

(240) (d) Division 6.1, Poison-Inhalation Hazard, products in bulk packagings.

(241) (e) Class 7, highway route controlled quantity radioactive material, or fissile material, controlled shipment, as defined in 49 CFR 173.403.

(242) (f) Each cargo under Table 1 of 46 CFR part 153 when carried in bulk.

(243) (g) Each cargo under Table 4 of 46 CFR part 154 when carried in bulk.

(244) (h) Butylene Oxide, Chlorine, and Phosphorous, elemental when carried in bulk.

(245) *Crewmember* means all persons carried on board the vessel to provide navigation and maintenance of the vessel, its machinery, systems, and arrangements essential for propulsion and safe navigation or to provide services for other persons on board.

(246) *Great Lakes* means Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, their connecting and tributary waters, the Saint Lawrence River as far east as Saint Regis, and adjacent port areas.

(247) *Gross tons* means the tonnage determined by the tonnage authorities of a vessel's flag state in accordance with the national tonnage rules in force before the entry into force of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 ("Convention"). For a vessel measured only under Annex I of the Convention, gross tons means that tonnage. For a vessel measured under both systems, the higher gross tonnage is the tonnage used for the purposes of the 300-gross-ton threshold.

(248) *Hazardous condition* means any condition that could adversely affect the safety of any vessel, bridge, structure, or shore area or the environmental quality of any port, harbor, or navigable water of the United States. This condition could include but is not limited to, fire, explosion, grounding, leakage, damage, illness of a person on board, or a manning shortage.

(249) *Nationality* means the state (nation) in which a person is a citizen or to which a person owes permanent allegiance.

(250) *Operator* means any person including, but not limited to, an owner, a demise- (bareboat-) charterer, or another contractor who conducts, or is responsible for, the operation of a vessel.

(251) *Persons in addition to crewmembers* means any person onboard the vessel, including passengers, who are not included on the list of crewmembers.

(252) *Port or place of departure* means any port or place in which a vessel is anchored or moored.

(253) *Port or place of destination* means any port or place to which a vessel is bound to anchor or moor.

(254) *Public vessel* means a vessel that is owned or demise- (bareboat-) chartered by the government of the United States, by a State or local government, or by the government of a foreign country and that is not engaged in commercial service.

(255) **§160.T204 Reporting of notification of arrival and Notification of departure.**

(256) (a)(1) Until October 15, 2001, all vessels required to report the information in §160.T208, §160.T212, or §160.T214, must submit the report to the cognizant Captain of the Port (COTP).

(257) (2) From October 15, 2001 until June 15, 2002, all vessels required to report notice of arrival and departure information in §§160.T208, 160.T212, or 160.T214, other than vessels 300 or less gross tons operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District, must submit the notice to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC), United States Coast Guard, 408 Coast Guard Drive, Kearneysville, WV, 25430, by:

(258) (i) Telephone at 1-800-708-9823;

(259) (ii) Fax at 1-800-547-8724; or

(260) (iii) E-mail at SANS@NVMC.USCG.gov.

(261) **Note to paragraph (a):**

(262) Information about the National Vessel Movement Center is available on its website at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/>.

(263) (b) Those vessels 300 or less gross tons operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District required by §160.T208,

§160.T212, or §160.T214 to report notice of arrival and departure information must submit the notice to the cognizant Captain of the Port (COTP).

(264) **§160.205 Waivers.**

(265) The Captain of the Port may waive, within that Captain of the Port's designated zone, any of the requirement of this subpart for any vessel or class of vessels upon finding that the vessel, route, area of operations, conditions of the voyage, or other circumstances are such that application of this subpart is unnecessary or impractical for purposes of safety, environmental protection, or national security.

(266) **§160.207 [Suspended]**

(267) **§160.T208 Notice of arrival: Vessels bound for ports or places in the United States.**

(268) (a) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel on a voyage of 96 hours or more must submit the information under paragraph (c) of this section at least 96 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(269) (b) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel on a voyage of less than 96 hours must submit the information under paragraph (c) of this section prior to departing the port or place of departure, but no less than 24 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(270) (c) The following information must be submitted as prescribed by §160.T204:

(271) (1) Name of port(s) or place(s) of destination in the United States;

(272) (2) Estimated date and time of arrival at each port or place;

(273) (3) Name of the vessel;

(274) (4) Country of registry of the vessel;

(275) (5) Call sign of the vessel;

(276) (6) International Maritime Organization (IMO) international number or, if vessel does not have an assigned IMO international number, the official number of the vessel;

(277) (7) Name of the registered owner of the vessel;

(278) (8) Name of the operator of the vessel;

(279) (9) Name of the classification society of the vessel;

(280) (10) General description of cargo onboard the vessel (e.g.: grain, container, oil, etc.);

(281) (11) Date of departure and name of the port from which the vessel last departed;

(282) (12) Name and telephone number of a 24-hour point of contact for each port included in the notice of arrival;

(283) (13) Location or position of the vessel at the time of the report;

(284) **§160.209 [Reserved]**

(285) **§160.211 [Suspended]**

(286) **§160.T212 Notice of arrival: Vessels carrying certain dangerous cargo.**

(287) (a)(1) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, other than a barge, carrying certain dangerous cargo that is bound for a port or place in the United States that is 96 hours or more away from the vessel's port of departure must report the information in paragraph (b) of this section at least 96 hours before entering the port or place of destination; or

(288) (2) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, other than a barge, carrying certain dangerous cargo that is bound for a port or place in the United States that is less than 96 hours away from the vessel's port of departure must report the information in paragraph (b) of this section prior to de-

parting the port or place of departure, but no less than 24 hours before entering the port or place of destination.

(289) (b) The following information must be submitted as prescribed by §160.T204:

(290) (1) Name of port(s) or place(s) of destination in the United States;

(291) (2) Estimated date and time of arrival at each port or place;

(292) (3) Name of the vessel;

(293) (4) Country of registry of the vessel;

(294) (5) Call sign of the vessel;

(295) (6) International Maritime Organization (IMO) international number or, if the vessel does not have an assigned IMO international number, the official number of the vessel;

(296) (7) Name of the registered owner of the vessel;

(297) (8) Name of the operator of the vessel;

(298) (9) Name of the classification society of the vessel;

(299) (10) Date of departure and name of the port from which the vessel last departed;

(300) (11) Name and telephone number of a 24-hour point of contact for each port included in the notice of arrival;

(301) (12) Location or position of the vessel at the time of the report;

(302) (13) Name of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(303) (14) Amount of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(304) (15) Stowage location of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(305) (16) General description of cargo, other than dangerous cargoes, onboard the vessel;

(306) (17) Operational condition of the equipment under §164.35 of this chapter;

(307) (18) A list of crewmembers onboard the vessel. The list must include the following information for each person:

(308) (i) Full name;

(309) (ii) Date of birth;

(310) (iii) Nationality;

(311) (iv) Passport number or mariners document number; and

(312) (v) Position or duties on the vessel;

(313) (19) A list of persons in addition to the crew onboard the vessel. The list must include the following information for each person:

(314) (i) Full name;

(315) (ii) Date of birth;

(316) (iii) Nationality; and

(317) (iv) Passport number; and

(318) (c) You may submit a copy of INS Form I-418 to meet the requirements of paragraphs (b)(18) and (b)(19) of this section.

(319) (d)(1) Any changes to the information required by paragraphs (b) or (f) of this section must be reported as soon as practicable but no less than 24 hours before entering the port of destination.

(320) (2) Any changes to the information required by paragraph (e) of this section must be reported as soon as practicable but no less than 12 hours before entering the port of destination.

(321) (3) Any changes to the arrival time or the departure time in a submitted notice of arrival (NOA) that are less than six (6) hours need not be reported.

(322) (4) When reporting changes, only report specific items to be corrected in the submitted NOA report. Do not resubmit the entire NOA report.

(323) (e) The owner, agent, master, operator or person in charge of a barge bound for a port or place in the United States carrying certain dangerous cargo shall report the information required in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(6) and (b)(10) through (b)(19) of this section as prescribed by §160.T204 at least 12 hours before entering that port or place.

(324) (f) Any vessel planning to enter two or more consecutive ports or places in the United States during a single voyage may submit one consolidated Notification of Arrival at least 96 hours before entering that the first U.S. port or place of destination. The consolidated notice must include the port name and estimated arrival date for each destination of the voyage. Any vessel submitting a consolidated notice under this section must still meet the requirements of paragraphs (d) of this section concerning changes to required information.

(325) **§160.213 [Suspended]**

(326) **§160.T214 Notice of departure: Vessels carrying certain dangerous cargo.**

(327) (a) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, except a barge, departing from a port or place in the United States for any other port or place and carrying certain dangerous cargo, must submit a notice of departure as prescribed by §160.T204 at least 24 hours before departing, unless this notification was made within 2 hours after the vessel's arrival, of the:

(328) (1) Name of port(s) or place(s) of destination in the United States;

(329) (2) Estimated date and time of arrival at each port or place;

(330) (3) Name of the vessel;

(331) (4) Country of registry of the vessel;

(332) (5) Call sign of the vessel;

(333) (6) International Maritime Organization (IMO) international number or, if the vessel does not have an assigned IMO international number, the official number of the vessel;

(334) (7) Name of the registered owner of the vessel;

(335) (8) Name of the operator of the vessel;

(336) (9) Name of the classification society of the vessel;

(337) (10) Date and time of departure and name of the port from which the vessel last departed;

(338) (11) Name and telephone number of a 24-hour point of contact for each port included in the notice of arrival;

(339) (12) Location or position of the vessel at the time of the report;

(340) (13) Name of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(341) (14) Amount of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(342) (15) Stowage location of each of the certain dangerous cargoes carried;

(343) (16) General description of cargo other than dangerous cargoes, onboard the vessel;

(344) (17) Operational condition of the equipment under §164.35 of this chapter;

(345) (18) A list of crewmembers onboard the vessel. The list must include the following information for each person:

(346) (i) Full name;

(347) (ii) Date of birth;

(348) (iii) Nationality;

(349) (iv) Passport number or mariners document number; and

(350) (v) Position or duties on the vessel;

(351) (19) A list of persons in addition to the crew onboard the vessel. The list must include the following information for each person:

(352) (i) Full name;

(353) (ii) Date of birth;

(354) (iii) Nationality; and

(355) (iv) Passport number; and

(356) (b) You may submit a copy of INS Form I-418 to meet the requirements of paragraphs (a)(18) and (a)(19) of this section.

(357) (c)(1) Any changes to the information required by paragraph (a) of this section must be reported prior to departing.

(358) (2) Any changes to the arrival time or the departure time in a submitted notice of departure (NOD) that are less than six (6) hours need not be reported.

(359) (3) When reporting changes, only report specific items to be corrected in the submitted NOD report. Do not resubmit the entire NOD report.

(360) (d) The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a barge departing from a port or place in the United States for any other port or place and carrying certain dangerous cargo shall report the information required in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) and (a)(10) through (19) of this section as prescribed by §160.T204 at least 4 hours before departing, unless this report was made within 2 hours after the barge's arrival.

(361) **§160.215 Notice of hazardous conditions.**

(362) Whenever there is a hazardous condition on board a vessel, the owner, master, agent or person in charge shall immediately notify the Captain of the Port of the port or place of destination and the Captain of the Port of the port or place in which the vessel is located of the hazardous condition.

Part 161—Vessel Traffic Management

Subpart A—Vessel Traffic Services General Rules

(363) **§161.1 Purpose and Intent.**

(364) (a) The purpose of this part is to promulgate regulations implementing and enforcing certain sections of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (PWSA) setting up a national system of Vessel Traffic Services that will enhance navigation, vessel safety, and marine environmental protection and promote safe vessel movement by reducing the potential for collisions, ramblings, and groundings, and the loss of lives and property associated with these incidents within VTS areas established hereunder.

(365) (b) Vessel Traffic Services provide the mariner with information related to the safe navigation of a waterway. This information, coupled with the mariner's compliance with the provisions set forth in this part, enhances the safe routing of vessels through congested waterways or waterways of particular hazard. Under certain circumstances, a VTS may issue directions to control the movement of vessels in order to minimize the risk of collision between vessels, or damage to property or the environment.

(366) (c) The owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel remains at all times responsible for the manner in which the vessel is operated and maneuvered, and is responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel under all circumstances. Compliance with these rules or with a direction of the VTS is at all times contingent upon the exigencies of safe navigation.

(367) (d) Nothing in this part is intended to relieve any vessel, owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel from the consequences of any neglect to comply with this part or any other applicable law or regulations (e.g., the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) or the Inland Navigation Rules) or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

(368) **§161.2 Definitions.**

(369) For the purposes of this part:

(370) “Cooperative Vessel Traffic Services (CVTS)” means the system of vessel traffic management established and jointly operated by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. In addition, CVTS facilitates traffic movement and anchorages, avoids jurisdictional disputes, and renders assistance in emergencies in adjoining United States and Canadian waters.

(371) “Hazardous Vessel Operating Condition” means any condition related to a vessel’s ability to safely navigate or maneuver, and includes, but is not limited to:

(372) (1) The absence or malfunction of vessel operating equipment, such as propulsion machinery, steering gear, radar system, gyrocompass, depth sounding device, automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA), radiotelephone, Automatic Identification System equipment, navigational lighting, sound signaling devices or similar equipment.

(373) (2) Any condition on board the vessel likely to impair navigation, such as lack of current nautical charts and publications, personnel shortage, or similar condition.

(374) (3) Vessel characteristics that affect or restrict maneuverability, such as cargo arrangement, trim, loaded condition, underkeel clearance, speed, or similar characteristics.

(375) “Precautionary Area” means a routing measure comprising an area within defined limits where vessels must navigate with particular caution and within which the direction of traffic may be recommended.

(376) “Towing Vessel” means any commercial vessel engaged in towing another vessel astern, alongside, or by pushing ahead.

(377) “Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS)” is a system used to manage and track vessel movements within a VTS area. This is accomplished by a vessel providing information under established procedures as set forth in this part, or as directed by the VTS.

(378) “Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) User” means a vessel, or an owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel, that is required to participate in a VMRS within a VTS area. VMRS participation is required for:

(379) (1) Every power-driven vessel of 40 meters (approximately 131 feet) or more in length, while navigating;

(380) (2) Every towing vessel of 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or more in length, while navigating; or

(381) (3) Every vessel certificated to carry 50 or more passengers for hire, when engaged in trade.

(382) “Vessel Traffic Center (VTC)” means the shore-based facility that operates the vessel traffic service for the Vessel Traffic Service area or sector within such an area.

(383) “Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)” means a service implemented by the United States Coast Guard designed to improve the safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and to protect the environment. The VTS has the capability to interact with marine traffic and respond to traffic situations developing in the VTS area.

(384) “Vessel Traffic Service Area or VTS Area” means the geographical area encompassing a specific VTS area of service. This area of service may be subdivided into sectors for the purpose of allocating responsibility to individual Vessel Traffic Centers or to identify different operating requirements.

(385) **Note:** Although regulatory jurisdiction is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels will be encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry, to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

(386) “VTS Special Area” means a waterway within a VTS area in which special operating requirements apply.

(387) “VTS User” means a vessel, or an owner, operator, charterer, master, or person directing the movement of a vessel, that is:

(388) (a) Subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act; or

(389) (b) Required to participate in a VMRS within a VTS area (VMRS User).

(390) “VTS User’s Manual” means the manual established and distributed by the VTS to provide the mariner with a description of the services offered and rules in force for that VTS. Additionally, the manual may include chartlets showing the area and sector boundaries, general navigational information about the area, and procedures, radio frequencies, reporting provisions and other information which may assist the mariner while in the VTS area.

(391) **§161.3 Applicability.**

(392) The provisions of this subpart shall apply to each VTS User and may also apply to any vessel while underway or at anchor on the navigable waters of the United States within a VTS area, to the extent the VTS considers necessary.

(393) **§161.4 Requirement to carry the rules.**

(394) Each VTS User shall carry on board and maintain for ready reference a copy of these rules.

(395) **Note:** These rules are contained in the applicable U.S. Coast Pilot, the VTS User’s Manual which may be obtained by contacting the appropriate VTS, and periodically published in the Local Notice to Mariners. The VTS User’s Manual and the World VTS Guide, an International Maritime Organization (IMO) recognized publication, contain additional information which may assist the prudent mariner while in the appropriate VTS area.

(396) **§161.5 Deviations from the rules.**

(397) (a) Requests to deviate from any provision in this part, either for an extended period of time or if anticipated before the start of a transit, must be submitted in writing to the appropriate District Commander. Upon receipt of the written request, the District Commander may authorize a deviation if it is determined that such a deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the required measure or is a maneuver considered necessary for safe navigation under the circumstances. An application for an authorized deviation must state the need and fully describe the proposed alternative to the required measure.

(398) (b) Requests to deviate from any provision in this part due to circumstances that develop during a transit or immediately preceding a transit, may be made verbally to the appropriate VTS Commanding Officer. Requests to deviate shall be made as far in advance as practicable. Upon receipt of the request, the VTS Commanding Officer may authorize a deviation if it is determined that, based on vessel handling characteristics, traffic density, radar contacts, environmental conditions and other relevant

information, such a deviation provides a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the required measure or is a maneuver considered necessary for safe navigation under the circumstances.

(399) **Services, VTS Measures, and Operating Requirements**

(400) **§161.10 Services.**

(401) To enhance navigation and vessel safety, and to protect the marine environment, a VTS may issue advisories, or respond to vessel requests for information, on reported conditions within the VTS area, such as:

(402) (a) Hazardous conditions or circumstances;

(403) (b) Vessel congestion;

(404) (c) Traffic density;

(405) (d) Environmental conditions;

(406) (e) Aids to navigation status;

(407) (f) Anticipated vessel encounters;

(408) (g) Another vessel's name, type, position, hazardous vessel operating conditions, if applicable, and intended navigation movements, as reported;

(409) (h) Temporary measures in effect;

(410) (i) A description of local harbor operations and conditions, such as ferry routes, dredging, and so forth;

(411) (j) Anchorage availability; or

(412) (k) Other information or special circumstances.

(413) **§161.11 VTS measures.**

(414) (a) A VTS may issue measures or directions to enhance navigation and vessel safety and to protect the marine environment, such as, but not limited to:

(415) (1) Designating temporary reporting points and procedures;

(416) (2) Imposing vessel operating requirements; or

(417) (3) Establishing vessel traffic routing schemes.

(418) (b) During conditions of vessel congestion, restricted visibility, adverse weather, or other hazardous circumstances, a VTS may control, supervise, or otherwise manage traffic, by specifying times of entry, movement, or departure to, from, or within a VTS area.

(419) **§161.12 Vessel operating requirements.**

(420) (a) Subject to the exigencies of safe navigation, a VTS User shall comply with all measures established or directions issued by a VTS.

(421) (1) If, in a specific circumstance, a VTS User is unable to safely comply with a measure or direction issued by the VTS, the VTS User may deviate only to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property or the environment. The deviation shall be reported to the VTS as soon as is practicable.

(422) (b) When not exchanging communications, a VTS User must maintain a listening watch as required by §26.04(e) of this chapter on the VTS frequency designated in Table 161.12(b) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas). In addition, the VTS User must respond promptly when hailed and communicate in the English language.

(423) **Note:** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

(424) (c) As soon as practicable, a VTS User shall notify the VTS of any of the following:

(425) (1) A marine casualty as defined in 46 CFR 4.05-1;

(426) (2) Involvement in the ramming of a fixed or floating object;

(427) (3) A pollution incident as defined in §151.15 of this chapter;

(428) (4) A defect or discrepancy in an aid to navigation;

(429) (5) A hazardous condition as defined in §160.203 of this chapter;

(430) (6) Improper operation of vessel equipment required by Part 164 of this chapter;

(431) (7) A situation involving hazardous materials for which a report is required by 49 CFR 176.48; and

(432) (8) A hazardous vessel operating condition as defined in §161.2.

(433) **§161.13 VTS Special Area Operating Requirements.**

(434) The following operating requirements apply within a VTS Special Area:

(435) (a) A VTS User shall, if towing astern, do so with as short a hawser as safety and good seamanship permits.

(436) (b) A VMRS User shall:

(437) (1) Not enter or get underway in the area without prior approval of the VTS;

(438) (2) Not enter a VTS Special Area if a hazardous vessel operating condition or circumstance exists;

(439) (3) Not meet, cross, or overtake any other VMRS User in the area without prior approval of the VTS; and

(440) (4) Before meeting, crossing, or overtaking any other VMRS User in the area, communicate on the designated vessel bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone frequency, intended navigation movements, and any other information necessary in order to make safe passing arrangements. This requirement does not relieve a vessel of any duty prescribed by the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) or the Inland Navigation Rules.

Subpart B—Vessel Movement Reporting System

(441) **§161.15 Purpose and Intent.**

(442) (a) A Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) is a system used to manage and track vessel movements within a VTS area. This is accomplished by requiring that vessels provide information under established procedures as set forth in this part, or as directed by the VTS.

(443) (b) To avoid imposing an undue reporting burden or unduly congesting radiotelephone frequencies, reports shall be limited to information which is essential to achieve the objectives of the VMRS. These reports are consolidated into four reports (sailing plan, position, sailing plan deviation and final).

(444) **§161.16 Applicability.**

(445) The provisions of this subpart shall apply to the following VMRS Users:

(446) (a) Every power-driven vessel of 40 meters (approximately 131 feet) or more in length, while navigating;

(447) (b) Every towing vessel of 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or more in length, while navigating; or

(448) (c) Every vessel certificated to carry 50 or more passengers for hire, when engaged in trade.

(449) **§161.17 Definitions.**

TABLE 161.12(b)–VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES (VTS) CALL SIGNS, DESIGNATED FREQUENCIES, AND MONITORING AREAS

Vessel traffic services (call sign)	Designated frequencies ¹ (channel designation)	Monitoring area
New York²		
New York Traffic ³ . . .	156.550 MHz (Ch.11) and 156.700 MHz (Ch.14) . . .	The navigable waters of the Lower New York Harbor bounded on the east by a line drawn from the Norton Point to Breezy Point; on the south by a line connecting the entrance buoys at the Ambrose Channel, Swash Channel and Sandy Hook Channel to Sandy Hook Point; and on the southeast including the waters of the Sandy hook Bay south to a line drawn at 40°25'N.; then west into waters of the Raritan Bay to the Raritan River Rail Road Bridge; and then north including the waters of the Arthur Kill and Newark Bay to the Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge at 40°41.95'N.; and then east including the waters of the Kill Van Kull and Upper New York Bay north to a line drawn east-west from the Holland Tunnel Ventilator Shaft at 40°43.7'N., 74°01.6'W. In the Hudson River; and continuing east including the waters of the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River.
	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) . . .	Each vessel at anchor within the above areas.
Houston²		
Houston Traffic . . .	156.550 MHz (Ch.11) . . .	The navigable waters north of 29°N., west of 94°20'W., south of 29°49'N., and east of 95°20'W.:
	156.600 MHz (Ch 12) . . .	The navigable waters north of a line extending due west from the southernmost end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.)
		The navigable waters south of a line extending due west from the southernmost end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37'N., 95°01.27'W.)
Berwick Bay		
Berwick Traffic . . .	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) . . .	The navigable waters south of 29°45'N., west of 91°10'W., north of 29°37'N., and east of 91°18'W.
St. Marys River		
Soo Control	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) . . .	The navigable waters of the St. Marys River between 45°57'N. (De Tour Reef Light) and 46°38.7'N. (Ile Parisienne Light), except the St. Marys Falls Canal and those navigable waters east of a line from 46°04.16'N. And 46°01.57'N. (La Pointe to Sims Point in Potagannissing Bay and Worsley Bay).
San Francisco²		
San Francisco Off-shore Vessel Movement.	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) . . .	The waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.) excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area.
Reporting Service San Francisco Traffic.	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14) . . .	The waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area eastward to San Francisco Bay including its tributaries extending to the ports of Stockton, Sacramento and Redwood City.
Puget Sound⁴		
Seattle Traffic ⁵ . . .	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14) . . .	The navigable waters of Puget Sound, Hood Canal and adjacent waters south of a line connecting Nodule Point (48°01.5'N., 122°40.05'W.) and Bush Point (48°01.5'N., 122°36.23'W.) in Admiralty Inlet and south of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point (47°34'N., 122°40'W.) on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.

TABLE 161.12(b)–VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES (VTS) CALL SIGNS, DESIGNATED FREQUENCIES, AND MONITORING AREAS

Vessel traffic services (call sign)	Designated frequencies ¹ (channel designation)	Monitoring area
	156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A) . . .	The navigable waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of 124°40'W., excluding the waters in the central portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks (48°18'N., 123°32'W.); the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks (48°18'N., 123°32'W.); the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty Inlet north of a line connecting Nodule Point (48°01.5'N., 122°40.05'W.) and Bush Point (48°01.5'N., 122°36.23'W.) and all waters of Whidbey Island north of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point (47°34'N., 122°40'W.) on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.
Tofino Traffic ⁶	156.725 MHz (Ch. 74) . . .	The waters west of 124°40'W, within 50 nautical miles of the coast of Vancouver Island including the waters north 48°N., and east of 127°W.
Vancouver Traffic . .	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11). . .	The navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia west of 122°52'W., the navigable waters of the central Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks, including the Gulf Island Archipelago, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait.
Prince William Sound⁷		
Valdez Traffic	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13) . . .	The navigable waters south of 61°05'N., east of 147°20'W., north of 60°N., and west of 146°30'W.; and all navigable waters in Port Valdez.
Louisville⁷		
Louisville Traffic . . .	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13) . . .	The navigable waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 606) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593), only when the McAlpine upper pool gauge is at approximately 13.0 feet or above.

NOTES:

1. In the event of a communication failure either by the vessel traffic center or the vessel or radio congestion on a designated VTS frequency, communications may be established on an alternate VTS frequency. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is monitored in each VTS area; and it may be used as an alternate frequency, however, only to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means.

2. Designated frequency monitoring is required within U.S. Navigable waters. In areas which are outside the U.S. Navigable waters, designated frequency monitoring is voluntary. However, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

3. VMRS participants shall make their initial report (Sail Plan) to New York Traffic on Channel 11 (156.550 MHz). All other reports, including the Final Report, shall be made on Channel 14 (156.700 MHz). VMRS and other VTS Users shall monitor Channel 14 (156.700 MHz) while transiting the VTS area. New York Traffic may direct a vessel to monitor and report on either primary frequency depending on traffic density, weather conditions, or other safety factors. This does not require a vessel to monitor both primary frequencies.

4. A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate vessel traffic center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, it will enforce only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction.

5. Seattle Traffic may direct a vessel to monitor the other primary VTS frequency 156.250 MHz or 156.700 MHz (Channel 5A or 14) depending on traffic density, weather conditions, or other safety factors, rather than strictly adhering to the designated frequency required for each monitoring area as defined above. This does not require a vessel to monitor both primary frequencies.

6. A portion of Tofino Sector's monitoring area extends beyond the defined CVTS area. Designated frequency monitoring is voluntary in these portions outside of VTS jurisdiction, however, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

7. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is used in these VTSs because the level of radiotelephone transmissions does not warrant a designated VTS frequency. The listening watch required by §26.05 of this chapter is not limited to the monitoring area.

(450) As used in this subpart: Published means available in a widely-distributed and publicly available medium (e.g., VTS User's Manual, ferry schedule, Notice to Mariners).

(451) **§161.18 Reporting requirements.**

(452) (a) A VTS may: (1) Direct a vessel to provide any of the information set forth in Table 161.18(a) (IMO Standard Ship Reporting System);

(453) (2) Establish other means of reporting for those vessels unable to report on the designated frequency; or

(454) (3) Require reports from a vessel in sufficient time to allow advance vessel traffic planning.

(455) (b) All reports required by this part shall be made as soon as is practicable on the frequency designated in Table 161.12(b) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

(456) (c) When not exchanging communications, a VMRS User must maintain a listening watch as described in §26.04(e) of this chapter on the frequency designated in Table 161.12(b) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas). In addition, the VMRS User must respond promptly when hailed and communicate in the English language.

(457) **Note:** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

(458) (d) When reports required by this part include time information, such information shall be given using the local time zone in effect and the 24-hour military clock system.

(459) **§161.19 Sailing Plan (SP).**

(460) Unless otherwise stated, at least 15 minutes before navigating a VTS area, a vessel must report the:

(461) (a) Vessel name and type;

(462) (b) Position;

(463) (c) Destination and ETA;

(464) (d) Intended route;

(465) (e) Time and point of entry; and

(466) (f) Dangerous cargo on board or in its tow, as defined in §160.203 of this chapter, and other required information as set out in §160.211 and §160.213 of this chapter, if applicable.

(467) **§161.20 Position Report (PR).**

(468) A vessel must report its name and position:

(469) (a) Upon point of entry into a VTS area;

(470) (b) At designated reporting points as set forth in subpart C; or

(471) (c) When directed by the VTC.

(472) **Note:** Notice of temporary reporting points, if established, may be published via Local Notices to Mariners, general broadcast or the VTS User's Manual.

(473) **§161.21 Sailing Plan Deviation Report (DR).**

(474) A vessel must report:

(475) (a) When its ETA to a destination varies significantly from a previously reported ETA;

(476) (b) Any intention to deviate from a VTS issued measure or vessel traffic routing system; or

(477) (c) Any significant deviation from previously reported information.

(478) **§161.22 Final Report (FR).**

(479) A vessel must report its name and position:

(480) (a) On arrival at its destination; or

(481) (b) When leaving a VTS area.

(482) **§161.23 Reporting exemptions.**

(483) (a) Unless otherwise directed, the following vessels are exempted from providing Position and Final Reports due to the nature of their operation:

(484) (1) Vessels on a published schedule and route;

(485) (2) Vessels operating within an area of a radius of three nautical miles or less; or

(486) (3) Vessels escorting another vessel or assisting another vessel in maneuvering procedures.

(487) (b) A vessel described in paragraph (a) of this section must:

(488) (1) Provide a Sailing Plan at least 5 minutes but not more than 15 minutes before navigating within the VTS area; and

(489) (2) If it departs from its promulgated schedule by more than 15 minutes or changes its limited operating area, make the established VMRS reports, or report as directed.

(490) (c) In those VTS areas capable of receiving automated position reports from Automatic Identification System equipment (AISSE) as required by §164.43 of this chapter and where AISSE is required, vessels equipped with an operating AISSE are not required to make voice radio reports at designated reporting points as required by §161.20(b) of this part, unless otherwise directed by the VTC.

(491) (1) Whenever an AISSE becomes non-operational as defined in §164.43(c) of this chapter, before entering or while underway in a VTS area, a vessel must:

(492) (i) Notify the VTC;

(493) (ii) Make voice radio position reports at designated reporting points as required by §161.20(b) of this part;

(494) (iii) Make other voice radio reports as directed; and

(495) (iv) Restore the AISSE to operating condition as soon as possible.

(496) (2) Whenever an AISSE becomes non-operational due to a loss of position correction information (i.e., the U.S. Coast Guard differential global positioning system (dGPS) cannot provide the required error correction messages) a vessel must:

(497) (i) Make required voice radio position reports at designated reporting points required by §161.20(b) of this part; and

(498) (ii) Make other voice radio reports as directed.

(499) **Note:** Regulations pertaining to AISSE required capabilities are set forth in §164.43 of this chapter.

Subpart C—Vessel Traffic Service Areas, Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service Area, Vessel Traffic Service Special Areas and Reporting Points.

(500) **Note:** All geographic coordinates contained in part 161 (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

(501) **§161.50 Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco.**

(502) The VTS area consists of all the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay Region south of the Mare Island Causeway Bridge and the Petaluma River Entrance Channel Daybeacon 19 and Petaluma River Entrance Channel Light 20 and north of the Dunbarton Bridge; its seaward approaches within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.); and its navigable tributaries as far east as the port of Stockton on the San Joaquin River, as far north as the port of Sacramento on the Sacramento River.

(503) **§161.55 Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound and the Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service for the Juan de Fuca Region.**

TABLE 161.18(a).—THE IMO STANDARD SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM

A	ALPHA	Ship.	Name, call sign or ship station identity, and flag.
B	BRAVO	Dates and time of events	A 6 digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits). If other than UTC state time zone used.
C	CHARLIE	Position	A 4 digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with N (north) or S (south) and a 5 digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with E (east) or W (west); or,
D	DELTA	Position	True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark).
E	ECHO	True course	A 3 digit group.
F	FOXTROT	Speed in knots and tenths of knots	A 3 digit group.
G	GOLF	Port of Departure	Name of last port of call.
H	HOTEL	Date, time and point of entry system.	Entry time expressed as in (B) and into the entry position expressed as in (C) or (D).
I	INDIA	Destination and expected time of arrival.	Name of port and date time group expressed as in (B).
J	JULIET	Pilot.	State whether a deep sea or local pilot is on board.
K	KILO	Date, time and point of exit from system.	Exit time expressed as in (B) and exit position expressed as in (C) or (D).
L	LIMA	Route information	Intended track.
M	MIKE	Radio	State in fullnames of communications stations/frequencies guarded.
N	NOVEMBER	Time of next report	Date time group expressed as in (B).
O	OSCAR	Maximum present static draft in meters.	4 digit group giving meters and centimeters.
P	PAPA	Cargo on board.	Cargo and brief details of any dangerous cargoes as well as harmful substances and gases that could endanger persons or the environment.
Q	QUEBEC	Defects, damage, deficiencies or limitations.	Brief detail of defects, damage, deficiencies or other limitations.
R	ROMEO	Description of pollution or dangerous goods lost.	Brief details of type pollution (oil, chemicals, etc) or dangerous goods lost overboard; position expressed as in (C) or (D).
S	SIERRA	Weather conditions	Brief details of weather and sea conditions prevailing.
T	TANGO	Ship's representative and/or owner.	Details of name and particulars of ship's representative and/or owner for provision of information.
U	UNIFORM	Ship size and type	Details of length, breadth, tonnage, and type, etc., as required.
V	VICTOR	Medical personnel	Doctor, physician's assistant, nurse, no medic.
W	WHISKEY	Total number of persons on board.	State number.
X	XRAY	Miscellaneous	Any other information as appropriate. (i.e., a detailed description of a planned operation, which may include: its duration; effective area; any restrictions to navigation; notification procedures for approaching vessels; in addition, for a towing operation; configuration, length of the tow, available horsepower, etc.; for a dredge or floating plant: configuration of pipeline, mooring configuration, number of assist vessels, etc.)

(504) The Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound area consists of the navigable waters of the United States bounded by a line drawn from the Washington State coastline at 48°23'08"N., 124°43'37"W. on Cape Flattery to the Cape Flattery Light at 48°23'30"N., 124°44'12"W. on Tatoosh Island, due west to the U.S. Territorial Sea Boundary; thence northward along the U.S. Territorial Sea Boundary to its intersection with the U.S./Canada International Boundary; thence east along the U.S./Canada International Boundary through the waters known as the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia to the Washington State coastline at 49°00'06"N., 122°45'18"W. (International Boundary Range C Rear Light). This area includes: Puget Sound, Hood Canal, Possession Sound, the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Guemes Channel, Bellingham Bay, the U.S. waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia, and all waters adjacent to the above.

(505) (a) Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound participates in a U.S./Canadian Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service (CVTS) to jointly manage vessel traffic in the Juan de Fuca Region. The CVTS for the Juan de Fuca Region consists of all waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its offshore approaches, southern Georgia Strait, the Gulf and San Juan Archipelagos, Rosario Strait, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait, bounded on the northwest by 48°35'45"N.; and on the southwest by 48°23'30"N.; and on the west by the rhumb line joining 48°35'45"N., 124°47'30"W. with 48°23'30"N., 124° 48'37"W.; and on the northeast in the Strait of Georgia, by a line drawn along 49°N. from Vancouver Island to Semiahmoo Bay; and on the southeast, by a line drawn from McCurdy Point on the Quimper Peninsula to Point Partridge on Whidbey Island. Canadian and United States Vessel Traffic Centers (Tofino, B.C., Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada and Seattle, WA) manage traffic within the CVTS area irrespective of the International Boundary.

(506) (b) VTS Special Areas.

(507) (1) The Rosario Strait VTS Special Area consists of those waters bounded to the south by the center of Precautionary Area "RB" (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°26'24"N., 122°45'12"W.), and to the north by the center of Precautionary Area "C" (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°40'34"N., 122°42' 44"W.; Lighted Buoy "C"); and

(508) **Note:** The center of precautionary area "RB" is not marked by a buoy. All precautionary areas are depicted on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts.

(509) (2) The Guemes Channel VTS Special Area consists of those waters bounded to the west by Shannon Point on Fidalgo Island and to the east by Southeast Point on Guemes Island.

(510) (c) Additional VTS Special Area Operating Requirements. The following additional requirements are applicable in the Rosario Strait and Guemes Channel VTS Special Areas:

(511) (1) A vessel engaged in towing shall not impede the passage of a vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more.

(512) (2) A vessel of less than 40,000 dead weight tons is exempt from the provision set forth in §161.13(b)(1) of this part.

(513) (3) A vessel of less than 100 meters in length is exempt from the provisions set forth in §161.13(b)(3) of this part. Approval will not be granted for:

(514) (I) A vessel of 100 meters or more in length to meet or overtake; or cross or operate within 2,000 yards (except when

crossing astern) of a vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more; or

(515) (ii) A vessel of 40,000 dead weight tons or more to meet or overtake; or cross or operate within 2,000 yards (except when crossing astern) of a vessel of 100 meters or more in length.

(516) (d) Reporting Point. Inbound vessels in the Strait of Juan de Fuca upon crossing 124°W.

(517) **§161.60 Vessel Traffic Service Prince William Sound.**

(518) (a) The VTS area consists of the navigable waters of the United States north of a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light to Schooner Rock Light, comprising that portion of Prince William Sound between 146°30'W. and 147°20'W. and includes Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows and Port Valdez.

(519) (b) The Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area consists of those waters of Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows, and Port Valdez northeast of a line bearing 307° True from Tongue Point at 61°02'06"N., 146°40'W.; and southwest of a line bearing 307° True from Entrance Island Light at 61°05'06"N., 146°36'42"W.

(520) (c) Additional VTS Special Area Operating Requirements. The following additional requirements are applicable in the Valdez Narrows VTS Special Area:

(521) (1) No VMRS User shall proceed north of 61°N. without prior approval of the VTS.

(522) (2) For a vessel listed in paragraph (c)(3) of this section—

(523) (I) Approval to enter this area will not be granted to a vessel when a tank vessel of more than 20,000 deadweight tons is navigating therein;

(524) (ii) A northbound vessel shall remain south of 61°N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed; and

(525) (iii) A southbound vessel shall remain in Port Valdez east of 146°35' W. and north of 61°06'N. until the VTS has granted permission to proceed.

(526) (3) Paragraph (c)(2) of this section applies to—

(527) (I) A vessel of 1,600 gross tons or more; and

(528) (ii) A towing vessel of 8 meters or more in length, except for a vessel performing duties as an escort vessel as defined in 33 CFR Part 168.

(529) (d) Reporting Points. (Table 161.60(d))

Part 162—Inland Waterways Navigation Regulations

(530) **§162.1 General.**

(531) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(532) **§162.245 Kenai River, Kenai, Alaska; use, administration, and navigation.** (a) The area. The main channel area of the river, having a width of 150 feet, beginning at a point directly offshore from the centerline of the city dock and extending about 2,200 feet upstream to a point 200 feet upstream from the Inlet Co. dock.

(533) (b) The regulations. (1) Vessels may navigate, anchor, or moor within the area until such times as notification is received or observation is made of intended passage to or from the docking areas.

TABLE 161.60(d)–VTS PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REPORTING POINTS

Designator	Geographic name	Geographic description	Latitude/ Longitude	Notes
1A	Cape Hinchinbrook	Cape Hinchinbrook	60°16'18"N 146°45'30"W	Northbound Only.
1B	Schooner Rock	Schooner Rock	60°18'42"N 146°51'36"W	Southbound Only.
2A	Naked Island	Naked Island	60°40'00"N 146°01'24"W	Northbound Only.
2B	Naked Island	Naked Island	60°40'00"N 146°05'00"W	Southbound Only.
3A	Bligh Reef	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Embark) .	60°50'36"N 146°57'30"W	Northbound Only.
3B	Bligh Reef	Bligh Reef Light (Pilot Disem- bark).	60°51'00"N 146°01'24"W	Southbound Only.
4A	Rocky Point	Rocky Point	60°57'48"N 146°47'30"W	Northbound Only.
4B	Rocky Point	Rocky Point	60°57'48"N 146°50'00"W	Southbound Only.
5	Entrance Island	Entrance Island Light.	61°05'24"N 146°37'30"W	

(534) (2) Notice of anticipated passage of towboats and barges shall be indicated 24 hours in advance by display of a red flag by the Inlet Co. from its warehouse.

Part 164–Navigation Safety Regulations (in part). For a complete description of this part see 33 CFR 164.

(535) **§164.01 Applicability.**

(536) (a) This part (except as specifically limited by this section) applies to each self-propelled vessel of 1600 or more gross tons (except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, or for foreign vessels described in §164.02) when it is operating in the navigable waters of the United States except the St. Lawrence Seaway.

(537) (b) Sections 164.70 through 164.82 of this part apply to each towing vessel of 12 meters (39.4 feet) or more in length operating in the navigable waters of the United States other than the St. Lawrence Seaway; except that a towing vessel is exempt from the requirements of §164.72 if it is—

(538) (1) Used solely within a limited geographic area, such as a fleeting-area for barges or a commercial facility, and used solely for restricted service, such as making up or breaking up larger tows;

(539) (2) Used solely for assistance towing as defined by 46 CFR 10.103;

(540) (3) Used solely for pollution response; or

(541) (4) Any other vessel exempted by the Captain of the Port (COTP). The COTP, upon written request, may, in writing, exempt a vessel from §164.72 for a specified route if he or she decides that exempting it would not allow its unsafe navigation under anticipated conditions.

(542) (c) Provisions of §§164.11(a)(2) and (c), 164.30, and 164.33 do not apply to warships or other vessels owned, leased, or operated by the United States Government and used only in government noncommercial service when these vessels are equipped with electronic navigation systems that have met the applicable agency regulations regarding navigation safety.

(543) **§164.02 Applicability exception for foreign vessels.**

(544) (a) This part (including §§164.38 and 164.39) does not apply to vessels that:

(545) (1) Are not destined for, or departing from, a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(546) (2) Are in:

(547) (I) Innocent passage through the territorial sea of the United States; or

(548) (ii) Transit through navigable waters of the United States which form a part of an international strait.

(549) **§164.03 Incorporation by reference.**

(550) (a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of change in the Federal Register and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is on file at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC, and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Environmental Protection Division (G-MEP), room 2100, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 and is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(551) (b) The materials approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows:

(552) *American Petroleum Institute (API)*, 1220 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20005

(553) *API Specifications 9A, Specification for Wire Rope, Section 3, Properties and Tests for Wire and Wire Rope*, May 28, 1984 **164.74**

(554) *American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)*, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

(555) *ASTM D4268-93, Standard Test Method for Testing Fiber Ropes* **164.74**

(556) *Cordage Institute*, 350 Lincoln Street, Hingham, MA 02043

(557) CIA-3, Standard Test Methods for Fiber Rope Including Standard Terminations, Revised, June 1980 **164.74**

(558) *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, U.K. IMO Resolution A342(IX), Recommendation on Performance Standards for Automatic Pilots, adopted November 12, 1975 **164.13**

(559) *International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Bureau (ITU-R)*, Place de Nations CH-1211 Geneva 20 Switzerland

(560) (1) ITU-R Recommendation M.821, Optional Expansion of the Digital Selective-Calling System for Use in the Maritime Mobile Service, 1992 **164.43**

(561) (2) ITU-R Recommendation M.825, Characteristics of a Transponder System Using Digital Selective-Calling Techniques for Use with Vessel Traffic Services and Ship-to-Ship Identification, 1992 **164.43**

(562) *Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services*, 655 Fifteenth Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005

(563) (1) RTCM Paper 12-78/DO-100, Minimum Performance Standards, Loran C Receiving Equipment, 1977 **164.41**

(564) (2) RTCM Paper 194-93/SC104-STD, RTCM Recommended Standards for Differential NAVSTAR GPS Service, Version 2.1, 1994 **164.43**

(565) (3) RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD, RTCM Recommended Standards for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, Version 1.1, October 10, 1995 **164.72**

(566) (4) RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X, RTCM Recommended Standards for Maritime Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of 300 Tons Gross Tonnage and Upwards, Version 1.2, December 20, 1993 **164.72**

(567) **§164.11 Navigation under way: General.**

(568) The owner, master, or person in charge of each vessel underway shall ensure that:

(569) (a) The wheelhouse is constantly manned by persons who—

(570) (1) Direct and control the movement of the vessel; and

(571) (2) Fix the vessel's position;

(572) (b) Each person performing a duty described in paragraph (a) of this section is competent to perform that duty;

(573) (c) The position of the vessel at each fix is plotted on a chart of the area and the person directing the movement of the vessel is informed of the vessel's position;

(574) (d) Electronic and other navigational equipment, external fixed aids to navigation, geographic reference points, and hydrographic contours are used when fixing the vessel's position;

(575) (e) Buoys alone are not used to fix the vessel's position;

(576) Note: Buoys are aids to navigation placed in approximate positions to alert the mariner to hazards to navigation or to indicate the orientation of a channel. Buoys may not maintain an exact position because strong or varying currents, heavy seas, ice, and collisions with vessels can move or sink them or set them adrift. Although buoys may corroborate a position fixed by other means, buoys cannot be used to fix a position; however, if no other aids are available, buoys alone may be used to establish an estimated position.

(577) (f) The danger of each closing visual or each closing radar contact is evaluated and the person directing the movement of the vessel knows the evaluation;

(578) (g) Rudder orders are executed as given;

(579) (h) Engine speed and direction orders are executed as given;

(580) (i) Magnetic variation and deviation and gyrocompass errors are known and correctly applied by the person directing the movement of the vessel;

(581) (j) A person whom he has determined is competent to steer the vessel is in the wheelhouse at all times (See also 46 U.S.C. 8702(d), which requires an able seaman at the wheel on U.S. vessels of 100 gross tons or more in narrow or crowded waters during low visibility);

(582) (k) If a pilot other than a member of the vessel's crew is employed, the pilot is informed of the draft, maneuvering characteristics, and peculiarities of the vessel and of any abnormal circumstances on the vessel that may affect its safe navigation.

(583) (1) Current velocity and direction for the area to be transited are known by the person directing the movement of the vessel;

(584) (m) Predicted set and drift are known by the person directing movement of the vessel;

(585) (n) Tidal state for the area to be transited is known by the person directing movement of the vessel;

(586) (o) The vessel's anchors are ready for letting go;

(587) (p) The person directing the movement of the vessel sets the vessel's speed with consideration for—

(588) (1) The prevailing visibility and weather conditions;

(589) (2) The proximity of the vessel to fixed shore and marine structures;

(590) (3) The tendency of the vessel underway to squat and suffer impairment of maneuverability when there is small underkeel clearance;

(591) (4) The comparative proportions of the vessel and the channel;

(592) (5) The density of marine traffic;

(593) (6) The damage that might be caused by the vessel's wake;

(594) (7) The strength and direction of the current; and

(595) (8) Any local vessel speed limit;

(596) (q) The tests required by §164.25 are made and recorded in the vessel's log; and

(597) (r) The equipment required by this part is maintained in operable condition.

(598) (s) Upon entering U.S. waters, the steering wheel or lever on the navigating bridge is operated to determine if the steering equipment is operating properly under manual control, unless the vessel has been steered under manual control from the navigating bridge within the preceding 2 hours, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(599) (t) At least two of the steering-gear power units on the vessel are in operation when such units are capable of simultaneous operation, except when the vessel is sailing on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters, and except as required by paragraph (u) of this section.

(600) (u) On each passenger vessel meeting the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960 (SOLAS 60) and on each cargo vessel meeting the requirements of SOLAS 74 as amended in 1981, the number of steering-gear power units necessary to move the rudder from 35° on either side to 30° on the other in not more than 28 seconds must be in simultaneous operation.

(601) **§164.13 Navigation underway: tankers.**

(602) (a) As used in this section, “tanker” means a self-propelled tank vessel, including integrated tug barge combinations, constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk in the cargo spaces and inspected and certificated as a tanker.

(603) (b) Each tanker must have an engineering watch capable of monitoring the propulsion system, communicating with the bridge, and implementing manual control measures immediately when necessary. The watch must be physically present in the machinery spaces or in the main control space and must consist of at least a licensed engineer.

(604) (c) Each tanker must navigate with at least two licensed deck officers on watch on the bridge, one of whom may be a pilot. In waters where a pilot is required, the second officer, must be an individual licensed and assigned to the vessel as master, mate, or officer in charge of a navigational watch, who is separate and distinct from the pilot.

(605) (d) Except as specified in paragraph (e) of this section, a tanker may operate with an auto pilot engaged only if all of the following conditions exist:

(606) (1) The operation and performance of the automatic pilot conforms with the standards recommended by the International Maritime Organization in IMO Resolution A.342(IX).

(607) (2) A qualified helmsman is present at the helm and prepared at all times to assume manual control.

(608) (3) The tanker is not operating in any of the following areas:

(609) (I) The areas of the traffic separation schemes specified in subchapter P of this chapter.

(610) (ii) The portions of a shipping safety fairway specified in part 166 of this chapter.

(611) (iii) An anchorage ground specified in part 110 of this chapter.

(612) (iv) An area within one-half nautical mile of any U.S. shore.

(613) **§164.15 Navigation bridge visibility.**

(614) (a) The arrangement of cargo, cargo gear, and trim of all vessels entering or departing from U.S. ports must be such that the field of vision from the navigation bridge conforms as closely as possible to the following requirements:

(615) (1) From the conning position, the view of the sea surface must not be obscured by more than the lesser of two ship lengths or 500 meters (1640 feet) from dead ahead to 10 degrees on either side of the vessel. Within this arc of visibility and blind sector caused by cargo, cargo gear, or other permanent obstruction must not exceed 5 degrees.

(616) (2) From the conning position, the horizontal field of vision must extend over an arc from at least 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on one side of the vessel, through dead ahead, to at least 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on the other side of the vessel. Blind sectors forward of the beam caused by cargo, cargo gear, or other permanent obstruction must not exceed 10 degrees each, nor total more than 20 degrees, including any blind sector within the arc of visibility described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(617) (3) From each bridge wing, the field of vision must extend over an arch from at least 45 degree on the opposite bow, through dead ahead, to at least dead astern.

(618) (4) From the main steering position, the field of vision must extend over an arc from dead ahead to at least 60 degrees on either side of the vessel.

(619) (b) A clear view must be provided through at least two front windows at all times regardless of weather conditions.

(620) **§164.19 Requirements for vessels at anchor.**

(621) The master or person in charge of each vessel that is anchored shall ensure that—

(622) (a) A proper anchor watch is maintained;

(623) (b) Procedures are followed to detect a dragging anchor; and

(624) (c) Whenever weather, tide, or current conditions are likely to cause the vessel’s anchor to drag, action is taken to ensure the safety of the vessel, structures, and other vessels, such as being ready to veer chain, let go a second anchor, or get underway using the vessel’s own propulsion or tug assistance.

(625) **§164.25 Tests before entering or getting underway.**

(626) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section no person may cause a vessel to enter into or get underway on the navigable waters of the United States unless no more than 12 hours before entering or getting underway, the following equipment has been tested:

(627) (1) Primary and secondary steering gear. The test procedure includes a visual inspection of the steering gear and its connecting linkage, and, where applicable, the operation of the following:

(628) (I) Each remote steering gear control system.

(629) (ii) Each steering position located on the navigating bridge.

(630) (iii) The main steering gear from the alternative power supply, if installed.

(631) (iv) Each rudder angle indicator in relation to the actual position of the rudder.

(632) (v) Each remote steering gear control system power failure alarm.

(633) (vi) Each remote steering gear power unit failure alarm.

(634) (vii) The full movement of the rudder to the required capabilities of the steering gear.

(635) (2) All internal vessel control communications and vessel control alarms.

(636) (3) Standby or emergency generator, for as long as necessary to show proper functioning, including steady state temperature and pressure readings.

(637) (4) Storage batteries for emergency lighting and power systems in vessel control and propulsion machinery spaces.

(638) (5) Main propulsion machinery, ahead and astern.

(639) (b) Vessels navigating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters, having once completed the test requirements of this sub-part, are considered to remain in compliance until arriving at the next port of call on the Great Lakes.

(640) (c) Vessels entering the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway are considered to be in compliance with this sub-part if the required tests are conducted preparatory to or during the passage of the St. Lawrence Seaway or within one hour of passing Wolfe Island.

(641) (d) No vessel may enter, or be operated on the navigable waters of the United States unless the emergency steering drill described below has been conducted within 48 hours prior to entry and logged in the vessel logbook, unless the drill is conducted and logged on a regular basis at least once every three months. This drill must include at a minimum the following:

(642) (1) Operation of the main steering gear from within the steering gear compartment.

(643) (2) Operation of the means of communications between the navigating bridge and the steering compartment.

(644) (3) Operation of the alternative power supply for the steering gear if the vessel is so equipped.

(645) **§164.30 Charts, publications, and equipment: General.**

(646) No person may operate or cause the operation of a vessel unless the vessel has the marine charts, publications, and equipment as required by §§164.33 through 164.41 of this part.

(647) **§164.33 Charts and publications.**

(648) (a) Each vessel must have the following:

(649) (1) Marine charts of the area to be transited, published by the National Ocean Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or a river authority that—

(650) (I) Are of a large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the area possible; and

(651) (ii) Are currently corrected.

(652) (2) For the area to be transited, a currently corrected copy of, or applicable currently corrected extract from, each of the following publications:

(653) (I) U.S. Coast Pilot.

(654) (ii) Coast Guard Light List.

(655) (3) For the area to be transited, the current edition of, or applicable current extract from:

(656) (i) Tide Tables published by private entities using data provided by the National Ocean Service.

(657) (ii) Tidal current tables published by the National Ocean Service, or river current publication issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or a river authority.

(658) (b) As an alternative to the requirements for paragraph (a) of this section, a marine chart or publication, or applicable extract, published by a foreign government may be substituted for a U.S. chart and publication required by this section. The chart must be of large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the area possible, and must be currently corrected. The publication, or applicable extract, must singly or in combination contain similar information to the U.S. Government publication to make safe navigation of the area possible. The publication, or applicable extract must be currently corrected, with the exceptions of tide and tidal current tables, which must be the current editions.

(659) (c) As used in this section, “currently corrected” means corrected with changes contained in all Notices to Mariners published by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, or an equivalent foreign government publication, reasonably available to the vessel, and that is applicable to the vessel’s transit.

(660) **§164.35 Equipment: All vessels.**

(661) Each vessel must have the following:

(662) (a) A marine radar system for surface navigation.

(663) (b) An illuminated magnetic steering compass, mounted in a binnacle, that can be read at the vessel’s main steering stand.

(664) (c) A current magnetic compass deviation table or graph or compass comparison record for the steering compass, in the wheelhouse.

(665) (d) A gyrocompass.

(666) (e) An illuminated repeater for the gyrocompass required by paragraph (d) of this section that is at the main steering stand, unless that gyrocompass is illuminated and is at the main steering stand.

(667) (f) An illuminated rudder angle indicator in the wheelhouse.

(668) (g) The following maneuvering information prominently displayed on a fact sheet in the wheelhouse:

(669) (1) A turning circle diagram to port and starboard that shows the time and distance and advance and transfer required to alter course 90 degrees with maximum rudder angle and constant power settings, for either full and half speeds, or for full and slow speeds. For vessels whose turning circles are essentially the same for both directions, a diagram showing a turning circle in one direction, with a note on the diagram stating that turns to port and starboard are essentially the same, may be substituted.

(670) (2) The time and distance to stop the vessel from either full and half speeds, or from full and slow speeds, while maintaining approximately the initial heading with minimum application of rudder.

(671) (3) For each vessel with a fixed propeller, a table of shaft revolutions per minute for a representative range of speeds.

(672) (4) For each vessel with a controllable pitch propeller, a table of control settings for a representative range of speeds.

(673) (5) For each vessel that is fitted with an auxiliary device to assist in maneuvering, such as a bow thruster, a table of vessel speeds at which the auxiliary device is effective in maneuvering the vessel.

(674) (6) The maneuvering information for the normal load and normal ballast condition for—

(675) (I) Calm weather-wind 10 knots or less, calm sea;

(676) (ii) No current;

(677) (iii) Deep water conditions—water depth twice the vessel’s draft or greater; and

(678) (iv) Clean hull.

(679) (7) At the bottom of the fact sheet, the following statement:

Warning.

(680) The response of the (name of the vessel) may be different from that listed above if any of the following conditions, upon which the maneuvering information is based, are varied:

(682) (1) Calm weather-wind 10 knots or less, calm sea;

(683) (2) No current;

(684) (3) Water depth twice the vessel’s draft or greater;

(685) (4) Clean hull; and

(686) (5) Intermediate drafts or unusual trim.

(687) (h) An echo depth sounding device.

(688) (I) A device that can continuously record the depth readings of the vessel’s echo depth sounding device, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(689) (j) Equipment on the bridge for plotting relative motion.

(690) (k) Simple operating instructions with a block diagram, showing the changeover procedures for remote steering gear control systems and steering gear power units, permanently displayed on the navigating bridge and in the steering gear compartment.

(691) (l) An indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the rate of revolution of each propeller, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(692) (m) If fitted with controllable pitch propellers, an indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the pitch and operational mode of such propellers, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(693) (n) If fitted with lateral thrust propellers, an indicator readable from the centerline conning position showing the direction and amount of thrust of such propellers, except when operating on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

(694) (o) A telephone or other means of communication for relaying headings to the emergency steering station. Also, each vessel of 500 gross tons and over and constructed on or after June 9, 1991 must be provided with arrangements for supplying visual compass-readings to the emergency steering station.

(695) **§164.37 Equipment: Vessels of 10,000 gross tons or more.**

(696) (a) Each vessel of 10,000 gross tons or more must have, in addition to the radar system under §164.35(a), a second marine radar system that operates independently of the first.

(697) Note: Independent operation means two completely separate systems, from separate branch power supply circuits or distribution panels to antennas, so that failure of any component of one system will not render the other system inoperative.

(698) (b) On each tanker of 10,000 gross tons or more that is subject to 46 U.S.C. 3708, the dual radar system required by this part must have a short range capability and a long range capability and each radar must have true north features consisting of a display that is stabilized in azimuth.

(699) **§164.38 Automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA).** (See 33 CFR 164.)

(700) **§164.39 Steering gear: Foreign tankers.**

(701) (a) This section applies to each foreign tanker of 10,000 gross tons or more, except a public vessel, that—

(702) (1) Transfers oil at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; or

(703) (2) Otherwise enters or operates in the navigable waters of the United States, except a vessel described by §164.02 of this part.

(704) (b) *Definitions.* The terms used in this section are as follows:

(705) *Constructed* means the same as in Chapter II-1, Regulations 1.1.2 and 1.1.3.1, of SOLAS 74.

(706) *Existing tanker* means a tanker—

(707) (1) For which the building contract is placed on or after June 1, 1979;

(708) (2) In the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after January 1, 1980;

(709) (3) The delivery of which occurs on or after June 1, 1982; or

(710) (4) That has undergone a major conversion contracted for on or after June 1, 1979; or construction of which was begun on or after January 1, 1980, or completed on or after June 1, 1982.

(711) *Public vessel, oil hazardous materials, and foreign vessel* mean the same as in 46 U.S.C. 2101.

(712) *SOLAS 74* means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

(713) *Tanker* means a self-propelled vessel defined as a tanker by 46 U.S.C. 2101(38) or as a tank vessel by 46 U.S.C. 2101(39).

(714) (c) Each tanker constructed on or after September 1, 1984, must meet the applicable requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulations 29 and 30, of SOLAS 74.

(715) (d) Each tanker constructed before September 1, 1984, must meet the requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.19, of SOLAS 74.

(716) (e) Each tanker of 40,000 gross tons or more, constructed before September 1, 1984, that does not meet the single-failure criterion of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.16, of SOLAS 74, must meet the requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulation 29.20, of SOLAS 74.

(717) (f) Each tanker constructed before September 1, 1984, must meet the applicable requirements of Chapter II-1, Regulations 29.14 and 29.15, of SOLAS 74.

(718) **§164.40 Devices to indicate speed and distance.**

(719) (a) Each vessel required to be fitted with an Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) under §164.38 of this part must be fitted with a device to indicate speed and distance of the vessel either through the water or over the ground.

(720) (1) Each tank vessel constructed before September 1, 1984, operating on the navigable waters of the United States—

(721) (I) If of 40,000 gross tons or more, by January 1, 1985;

(722) (ii) If of 10,000 gross tons or more but less than 40,000 gross tons, by January 1, 1986.

(723) (2) Each self-propelled vessel constructed before September 1, 1984, that is not a tank vessel, operating on the navigable waters of the United States—

(724) (I) If of 40,000 gross tons or more, by September 1, 1986;

(725) (ii) If of 20,000 gross tons or more, but less than 40,000 gross tons, by September 1, 1987;

(726) (iii) If of 15,000 gross tons or more, but less than 20,000 gross tons, by September 1, 1988.

(727) (b) The device must meet the following specifications:

(728) (1) The display must be easily readable on the bridge by day or night.

(729) (2) Errors in the indicated speed, when the vessel is operating free from shallow water effect, and from the effects of wind, current, and tide, should not exceed 5 percent of the speed of the vessel, or 0.5 knot, whichever is greater.

(730) (3) Errors in the indicated distance run, when the vessel is operating free from shallow water effect, and from the effects of wind, current, and tide, should not exceed 5 percent of the distance run of the vessel in one hour or 0.5 nautical mile in each hour, whichever is greater.

(731) **§164.41 Electronic position fixing devices.**

(732) (a) Each vessel calling at a port in the continental United States, including Alaska south of Cape Prince of Wales, except each vessel owned or bareboat chartered and operated by the United States, or by a state or its political subdivision, or by a foreign nation, and not engaged in commerce, must have one of the following:

(733) (1) A Type I or II LORAN C receiver as defined in Section 1.2(e), meeting Part 2 (Minimum Performance Standards) of the Radio Technical Commission for Marine Services (RTCM) Paper 12-78/D0-100 dated December 20, 1977, entitled “Marine Loran-C Receiving Equipment.” Each receiver installed must be labeled with the information required under paragraph (b) of this section.

(734) (2) A satellite navigation receiver with:

(735) (I) Automatic acquisition of satellite signals after initial operator settings have been entered; and

(736) (ii) Position updates derived from satellite information during each usable satellite pass.

(737) (3) A system that is found by the Commandant to meet the intent of the statements of availability, coverage, and accuracy for the U.S. Coastal Confluence Zone (CCZ) contained in the U.S. “Radionavigation Plan” (Report No. DOD-NO 4650.4-P, I

or No. DOT-TSC-RSPA-80-16, I). A person desiring a finding by the Commandant under this subparagraph must submit a written application describing the device to the Assistant Commandant for Operations, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. After reviewing the application, the Commandant may request additional information to establish whether or not the device meets the intent of the Federal Radionavigation Plan.

(738) **Note.**—The Federal Radionavigation Plan is available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va. 22161, with the following Government Accession Numbers:

(739) Vol 1, ADA 116468

(740) Vol 2, ADA 116469

(741) Vol 3, ADA 116470

(742) Vol 4, ADA 116471

(743) (b) Each label required under paragraph (a)(1) of this section must show the following:

(744) (1) The name and address of the manufacturer.

(745) (2) The following statement by the manufacturer:

(746) This receiver was designed and manufactured to meet Part 2 (Minimum Performance Standards) of the RTCM MPS for Marine Loran-C Receiving Equipment.

(747) **§164.42 Rate of turn indicator.**

(748) Each vessel of 100,000 gross tons or more constructed on or after September 1, 1984, shall be fitted with a rate of turn indicator.

(749) **§164.43 Automatic Identification System Shipborne Equipment.**

(750) (a) Each vessel required to provide automated position reports to a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) must do so by an installed Automatic Identification System Shipborne Equipment (AISSE) system consisting of a:

(751) (1) Twelve-channel all-in-view Differential Global Positioning System (dGPS) receiver;

(752) (2) Marine band Non-Directional Beacon receiver capable of receiving dGPS error correction messages;

(753) (3) VHF-FM transceiver capable of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on the designated DSC frequency; and

(754) (4) Control unit.

(755) (b) An AISSE must have the following capabilities:

(756) (1) Use dGPS to sense the position of the vessel and determine the time of the position using Universal Coordinated Time (UTC);

(757) (2) Fully use the broadcast type 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 16 messages, as specified in RTCM Recommended Standards for Differential NAVSTAR GPS Service in determining the required information;

(758) (3) Achieve a position error which is less than ten meters (32.8 feet) 2 distance root mean square (2 drms) from the true North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) in the position information transmitted to a VTS;

(759) (4) Achieve a course error of less than 0.5 degrees from true course over ground in the course information transmitted to a VTS;

(760) (5) Achieve a speed error of less than 0.05 knots from true speed over ground in the speed information transmitted to a VTS;

(761) (6) Receive and comply with commands broadcast from a VTS as DSC messages on the designated DSC frequency;

(762) (7) Receive and comply with RTCM messages broadcast as minimum shift keying modulated medium frequency signals in the marine radiobeacon band, and supply the messages to the dGPS receiver;

(763) (8) Transmit the vessel's position, tagged with the UTC at position solution, course over ground, speed over ground, and Lloyd's identification number to a VTS;

(764) (9) Display a visual alarm to indicate to shipboard personnel when a failure to receive or utilize the RTCM messages occurs;

(765) (10) Display a separate visual alarm which is triggered by a VTS utilizing a DSC message to indicate to shipboard personnel that the U.S. Coast Guard dGPS system cannot provide the required error correction messages; and

(766) (11) Display two RTCM type 16 messages, one of which must display the position error in the position error broadcast.

(767) (c) An AISSE is considered non-operational if it fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section.

(768) **Note:** Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) areas and operating procedures are set forth in Part 161 of this chapter.

(769) **§164.51 Deviations from rules: Emergency.**

(770) Except for the requirements of §164.53(b), in an emergency, any person may deviate from any rule in this part to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property, or the environment.

(771) **§164.53 Deviations from rules and reporting: Non-operating equipment.**

(772) (a) If during a voyage any equipment required by this part stops operating properly, the person directing the movement of the vessel may continue to the next port of call, subject to the directions of the District Commander or the Captain of the Port, as provided by 33 CFR 160.

(773) (b) If the vessel's radar, radio navigation receivers, gyro-compass, echo depth sounding device, or primary steering gear stops operating properly, the person directing the movement of the vessel must report or cause to be reported that it is not operating properly to the nearest Captain of the Port, District Commander, or, if participating in a Vessel Traffic Service, to the Vessel Traffic Center, as soon as possible.

(774) **§164.55 Deviations from rules: Continuing operation or period of time.**

(775) The Captain of the Port, upon written application, may authorize a deviation from any rule in this part if he determines that the deviation does not impair the safe navigation of the vessel under anticipated conditions and will not result in a violation of the rules for preventing collisions at sea. The authorization may be issued for vessels operating in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Captain of the Port for any continuing operation or period of time the Captain of the Port specifies.

(776) **§164.61 Marine casualty reporting and record retention.**

(777) When a vessel is involved in a marine casualty as defined in 46 CFR 4.03–1, the master or person in charge of the vessel shall—

(778) (a) Ensure compliance with 46 CFR 4.05, "Notice of Marine Casualty and Voyage Records," and

(779) (b) Ensure that the voyage records required by 46 CFR 4.05–15 are retained for—

(780) (1) 30 days after the casualty if the vessel remains in the navigable waters of the United States; or

(781) (2) 30 days after the return of the vessel to a United States port if the vessel departs the navigable waters of the United States within 30 days after the marine casualty.

(782) **§164.70 Definitions.**

(783) For purposes of §§164.72 through 164.82, the term—

(784) *Current edition* means the most recent published version of a publication, chart, or map required by §164.72.

(785) *Currently corrected edition* means a current or previous edition of a publication required by §164.72, corrected with changes that come from Notice to Mariners (NTMs) or Notices to Navigation reasonably available and that apply to the vessel's transit. Hand-annotated river maps from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) are currently corrected editions if issued within the previous 5 years.

(786) *Great Lakes* means the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters including the Calumet River as far as the Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Controlling Works (between miles 326 and 327), the Chicago River as far as the east side of the Ashland Avenue Bridge (between miles 321 and 322), and the Saint Lawrence River as far east as the lower exit of Saint Lambert Lock.

(787) *Swing-meter* means an electronic or electric device that indicates that rate of turn of the vessel on board which it is installed.

(788) *Towing vessel* means a commercial vessel engaged in or intending to engage in pulling, pushing or hauling alongside, or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside.

(789) *Western Rivers* means the Mississippi River, its tributaries, South Pass, and Southwest Pass, to the navigational-demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers, and other inland waters of the United States, and the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternative Route, and that part of the Atchafalaya River above its junction with the Port Allen-Morgan City Alternative Route including the Old River and the Red River and those waters specified by §§89.25 and 89.27 of this chapter, and such other, similar waters as are designated by the COTP.

(790) **§164.72 Navigational-safety equipment, charts or maps, and publications required on towing vessels.**

(791) (a) Except as provided by §164.01(b), each towing vessel must be equipped with the following navigational-safety equipment:

(792) (1) *Marine Radar*. By August 2, 1997, a marine radar that meets the following applicable requirements:

(793) (i) For a vessel of less than 300 tons gross tonnage that engages in towing on navigable waters of the U.S., including Western Rivers, the radar must meet—

(794) (A) The requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified by 47 CFR part 80; and

(795) (B) RTCM Standard for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, RTCM Paper-71-95/SC112-STD, Version 1.1, display Category II and stabilization Category Bravo.

(796) (ii) For a vessel of less than 300 tons gross tonnage that engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes, the radar must meet—

(797) (A) The requirements of the FCC specified by 47 CFR part 80; and

(798) (B) RTCM Standard for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of Less Than 300 Tons Gross Tonnage, RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD, Version 1.1, display Category I and stabilization Category Alpha.

(799) (iii) For a vessel of 300 tons gross tonnage or more that engages in towing, the radar must meet RTCM Recommended Standards for Marine Radar Equipment Installed on Ships of 300

Tons Gross tonnage and Upwards, RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X, Version 1.2.

(800) (iv) A vessel with an existing radar must meet the applicable requirements of paragraphs (a)(1)(I) through (iii) of this section by August 2, 1998; except that a vessel with an existing radar must meet the display and stabilization requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of this section by August 2, 2001.

(801) (2) *Searchlight*. A searchlight, directable from the vessel's main steering station and capable of illuminating objects at a distance of at least two times the length of the tow.

(802) (3) *VHF-FM Radio*. An installation or multiple installations of VHF-FM radios as prescribed by part 26 of this chapter and 47 CFR part 80, to maintain a continuous listening watch on the designated calling channel, VHF-FM Channel 13 (except on portions of the Lower Mississippi River, where VHF-FM Channel 67 is the designated calling channel), and to separately monitor the International Distress and Calling Channel, VHF-FM Channel 16, except when transmitting or receiving traffic on other VHF-FM channels or when participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) or monitoring a channel of a VTS. (Each U.S. towing vessel of 26 feet (about 8 meters) or more in length, except a public vessel, must hold a ship-radio-station license for radio transmitters (including radar and EPIRBs), and each operator must hold a restricted operator's license or higher. To get an application for either license, call (800) 418-FORM or (202) 418-FORM, or write to the FCC; Wireless Bureau, Licensing Division; 1270 Fairfield Road; Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.)

(803) (4) *Magnetic Compass*. Either—

(804) (i) An illuminated swing-meter or an illuminated car-type magnetic steering compass readable from the vessel's main steering station, if the vessel engages in towing exclusively on Western Rivers; or

(805) (ii) An illuminated card-type magnetic steering compass readable from the vessel's main steering station.

(806) (5) *Echo Depth-Sounding Device*. By August 2, 2001, an echo depth-sounding device readable from the vessel's main steering station, unless the vessel engages in towing exclusively on Western Rivers.

(807) (6) *Electronic Position-Fixing Device*. An electronic position-fixing device, either a LORAN-C receiver or a satellite navigational system such as the Global Positioning System (GPS) as required by §164.41, if the vessel engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes.

(808) (b) Each towing vessel must carry on board and maintain the following:

(809) (1) *Charts or maps*. Marine charts or maps of the areas to be transited, published by the National Ocean Service (NOS), the ACOE, or a river authority that satisfy the following requirements.

(810) (i) The charts or maps must be of a large enough scale and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the areas possible.

(811) (ii) The charts or maps must be either—

(812) (A) Current editions or currently corrected editions, if the vessel engages in towing exclusively on navigable waters of the U.S., including Western Rivers; or

(813) (B) Currently corrected editions, if the vessel engages in towing seaward of navigable waters of the U.S. or more than three nautical miles from shore on the Great Lakes.

(814) (iii) The charts or maps may be, instead of charts or maps required by paragraphs (b)(1)(I) and (ii) of this section, currently

corrected marine charts or maps, or applicable extracts, published by a foreign government. These charts or maps, or applicable extracts, must contain information similar to that on the charts or maps required by paragraphs (b)(1) (I) and (ii) of the section, be of large enough scale, and have enough detail to make safe navigation of the areas possible, and must be currently corrected.

(815) (2) *General publications.* A currently corrected edition of, or an applicable currently corrected extract from, each of the following publications for the area to be transited:

(816) (i) If the vessel is engaged in towing exclusively on Western Rivers—

(817) (A) U.S. Coast Guard Light List;

(818) (B) Applicable Notices to Navigation published by the ACOE, or Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs) published by the Coast Guard, for the area to be transited, when available; and

(819) (c) River-current tables published by the ACOE or a river authority, if available.

(820) (ii) if the vessel is engaged other than in towing exclusively on Western Rivers—

(821) (A) Coast Guard Light List;

(822) (B) Notices to Mariners published by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, or LNMs published by the Coast Guard;

(823) (C) Tidal-current tables published by private entities using data provided by the NOS, or river-current tables published by ACOE or a river authority;

(824) (D) Tide tables published by private entities using data provided by the NOS; and

(825) (E) U.S. Coast Pilot.

(826) (c) Table 164.72, following, summarizes the navigational-safety equipment, charts or maps, and publications required for towing vessels of 12 meters or more in length:

(827) **§164.74 Towline and terminal gear for towing astern.**

(828) (a) *Towline.* The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing astern shall ensure that the strength of each towline is adequate for its intended service, considering at least the following factors:

(829) (1) The size and material of each towline must be—

(830) (i) Appropriate for the horsepower or bollard pull of the vessel;

(831) (ii) Appropriate for the static loads and dynamic loads expected during the intended service;

(832) (iii) Appropriate for the sea conditions expected during the intended service;

(833) (iv) Appropriate for exposure to the marine environment and to any chemicals used or carried on board the vessel;

(834) (v) Appropriate for the temperatures of normal stowage and service on board the vessel;

(835) (vi) Compatible with associated navigational-safety equipment; and

(836) (vii) Appropriate for the likelihood of mechanical damage.

(837) (2) Each towline as rigged must be—

(838) (i) Free of knots;

(839) (ii) Spliced with a thimble, or have a poured socket at its end; and

(840) (iii) Free of wire clips except for temporary repair, for which the towline must have a thimble and either five wire clips or as many wire clips as the manufacturer specifies for the nominal diameter and construction of the towline, whichever is more.

(841) (3) The condition of each towline must be monitored through the—

(842) (i) Keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of the towline's initial minimum breaking strength as determined by the manufacturer, by a classification ("class") society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter, or by a tensile test that meets API Specifications 9A, Specification for Wire Rope, Section 3; ASTM D 4268 (incorporated by reference, see §164.03), Standard Test Method for Testing Fiber Ropes; or Cordage Institute CIA 3, Standard Test Methods for Fiber Rope Including Standard Terminations;

(843) (ii) If the towline is purchased from another owner, master, or operator of a vessel with the intent to use it as a towline or if it is retested for any reason, keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of each retest of the towline's minimum breaking strength as determined by a class society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter or by a tensile test that meets API Specification 9A, Section 3; ASTM D 4268 (incorporated by reference, see §164.03); or Cordage Institute CIA 3, Standard Test Methods;

(844) (iii) Conducting visual inspections of the towline in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, or at least monthly, and whenever the serviceability of the towline is in doubt (the inspections being conducted by the owner, master, or operator, or by a person on whom the owner, master, or operator confers the responsibility to take corrective measures appropriate for the use of the towline);

(845) (iv) Evaluating the serviceability of the whole towline or any part of the towline, and removing the whole or part from service either as recommended by the manufacturer or a class society authorized in §157.04 of this chapter or in accordance with a replacement schedule developed by the owner, master, or operator that accounts for at least the—

(846) (A) Nautical miles on, or time in service of, the towline;

(847) (B) Operating conditions experienced by the towline;

(848) (C) History of loading of the towline;

(849) (D) Surface condition, including corrosion and discoloration, of the towline;

(850) (E) Amount of visible damage to the towline;

(851) (F) Amount of material deterioration indicated by measurements of diameter and, if applicable, measurements of lay extension of the towline; and

(852) (G) Point at which a tensile test proves the minimum breaking strength of the towline inadequate by the standards of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, if necessary; and

(853) (v) Keeping on board the towing vessel or in company files of a record of the material condition of the towline when inspected under paragraphs (a)(3)(iii) and (iv) of this section. Once this record lapses for three months or more, except when a vessel is laid up or out of service or has not deployed its towline, the owner, master, or operator shall retest the towline or remove it from service.

(854) (b) *Terminal gear.* The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing astern shall ensure that the gear used to control, protect, and connect each towline meets the following criteria:

(855) (1) The material and size of the terminal gear are appropriate for the strength and anticipated loading of the towline and for the environment;

(856) (2) Each connection is secured by at least one nut with at least one cotter pin or other means of preventing its failure;

TABLE 164.72—EQUIPMENT, CHARTS OR MAPS, AND PUBLICATIONS OF TOWING VESSELS FOR 12 METERS OR MORE IN LENGTH

	Western rivers	U.S. navigable waters other than Western rivers	Waters seaward of navigable waters and 3 NM or more from shore on the Great Lakes
Marine Radar: Towing vessels of less than 300 GT.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category II ¹ Stabilization Category BRAVO.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category II ¹ Stabilization Category BRAVO.	RTCM Paper 71-95/SC112-STD Version 1.1, Display Category I ² Stabilization Category ALPHA.
Towing vessels of 300 GT or more.	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2 (except the Azimuth stabilization requirement in paragraph 3.10). ¹	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2 (except the Azimuth stabilization requirement in paragraph 3.10). ¹	RTCM Paper 191-93/SC112-X Version 1.2. ¹
Searchlight	X	X	X.
VHF-FM radio	X	X	X.
Magnetic compass	X ³	X	X.
Swing-meter	X ³		
Echo depth-sounding device.		X	X.
Electronic position-fixing device.			X.
Charts or maps	(1) Large enough scale	(1) Large enough scale	(1) Large enough scale.
	(2) Current edition or currently corrected edition . .	(2) Current edition or currently corrected edition . .	(2) Currently corrected edition.
General publications.	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List	(1) U.S. Coast Guard Light List.
	(2) Notices to Navigation or Local Notice to Mariners.	(2) Local Notices to Mariners	(2) Local Notice to Mariners.
	(3) River-current Tables	(3) Tidal-current Tables	(3) Tidal-current Tables.
	(4) Tide Tables .	(4) Tide Tables.
	(5) U.S. Coast Pilot	(5) U.S. Coast Pilot.

Notes:

¹Towing vessels with existing radar must meet this requirement by August 2, 1998.

²Towing vessels with existing radar must meet this requirement by August 2, 1998, but do not need to meet the display and stabilization requirement until August 2, 2001.

³A towing vessel may carry either a swing-meter or a magnetic compass.

(857) (3) The lead of the towline is appropriate to prevent sharp bends in the towline from fairlead blocks, chocks, or tackle;

(858) (4) There is provided a method, whether mechanical or non-mechanical, that does not endanger operating personnel but that easily releases the towline;

(859) (5) The towline is protected from abrasion or chafing by chafing gear, lagging, or other means;

(860) (6) Except on board a vessel towing in ice on Western Rivers or one using a towline of synthetic or natural fiber, there is fitted a winch that evenly spools and tightly winds the towline; and

(861) (7) If a winch is fitted, there is attached to the main drum a brake that has holding power appropriate for the horsepower or bollard pull of the vessel and can be operated without power to the winch.

(862) **§164.76 Towline and terminal gear for towing alongside and pushing ahead.**

(863) The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing alongside or pushing ahead shall ensure the face wires, spring lines, and push gear used—

(864) (a) Are appropriate for the vessel's horsepower;

(865) (b) Are appropriate for the arrangement of the tow;

(866) (c) Are frequently inspected; and

(867) (d) Remain serviceable.

(868) **§164.78 Navigation under way: Towing vessels.**

(869) (a) The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing shall ensure that each person directing and controlling the movement of the vessel—

(870) (1) Understands the arrangement of the tow and the effects of maneuvering on the vessel towing and on the vessel, barge, or object being towed;

(871) (2) Can fix the position of the vessel using installed navigational equipment, aids to navigation, geographic reference-points, and hydrographic contours;

(872) (3) Does not fix the position of the vessel using buoys alone (Buoys are aids to navigation placed in approximate positions either to alert mariners to hazards to navigation or to indicate the orientation of a channel. They may not maintain exact charted positions, because strong or varying currents, heavy seas, ice and collisions with vessels can move or sink them or set them adrift. Although they may corroborate a position fixed by other means, they cannot fix a position; however, if no other aids are available, buoys alone may establish an estimated position.);

(873) (4) Evaluates the danger of each closing visual or radar contact;

(874) (5) Knows and applies the variation and deviation, where a magnetic compass is fitted and where charts or maps have enough detail to enable this type of correction;

(875) (6) Knows the speed and direction of the current, set, drift, and tidal state for the area to be transited; and

(876) (7) Proceeds at a speed prudent for the weather, visibility, traffic density, tow draft, possibility of wake damage, speed of the current, and local speed-limits.

(877) (b) The owner, master, or operator of each vessel towing shall ensure that the tests and inspections required by §164.80 are conducted and that the results are entered in the log or other record carried on board.

(878) **§164.80 Tests and inspections.**

(879) (a) The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel of less than 1,600 GT shall ensure that the following tests and inspections of gear occur before the vessel embarks on a voyage of more than 24 hours or when each new master or operator assumes command:

(880) (1) *Steering-systems.* A test of the steering-gear-control system; a test of the main steering gear from the alternative power supply, if installed; a verification of the rudder-angle indicator relative to the actual position of the rudder; and a visual inspection of the steering gear and its linkage.

(881) (2) *Navigational equipment.* A test of all installed navigational equipment.

(882) (3) *Communications.* Operation of all internal vessel control communications and vessel-control alarms, if installed.

(883) (4) *Lights.* Operation of all navigational lights and all searchlights.

(884) (5) *Terminal gear.* Visual inspection of tackle; of connections of bridle and towing pendant, if applicable; of chafing gear; and the winch brake, if installed.

(885) (6) *Propulsion systems.* Visual inspection of the spaces for main propulsion machinery, of machinery, and of devices for monitoring machinery.

(886) (b) The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel of 1,600 GT or more shall ensure that the following tests of equipment occur at the frequency required by §164.25 and that the following inspections of gear occur before the vessel embarks

on a voyage of more than 24 hours or when each new master or operator assumes command:

(887) (1) *Navigational equipment.* Tests of onboard equipment as required by §164.25.

(888) (2) *Terminal gear.* Visual inspection of tackle; of connections of bridle and towing pendant, if applicable; of chafing gear; and of the winch brake, if installed.

(889) **§164.82 Maintenance, failure, and reporting.**

(890) (a) *Maintenance.* The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel shall maintain operative the navigational-safety equipment required by §164.72.

(891) (b) *Failure.* If any of the navigational-safety equipment required by §164.72 fails during a voyage, the owner, master, or operator of the towing vessel shall exercise due diligence to repair it at the earliest practicable time. He or she shall enter its failure in the log or other record carried on board. The failure of equipment, in itself, does not constitute a violation of this rule; nor does it constitute unseaworthiness; nor does it obligate an owner, master, or operator to moor or anchor the vessel. However, the owner, master, or operator shall consider the state of the equipment—along with such factors as weather, visibility, traffic, and the dictates of good seamanship—in deciding whether it is safe for the vessel to proceed.

(892) (c) *Reporting.* The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel whose equipment is inoperative or otherwise impaired while the vessel is operating within a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Area shall report the fact as required by 33 CFR 161.124. (33 CFR 161.124 requires that each user of a VTS report to the Vessel Traffic Center as soon as practicable:

(893) (1) Any absence or malfunction of vessel-operating equipment for navigational safety, such as propulsion machinery, steering gear, radar, gyrocompass, echo depth-sounding or other sounding device, automatic dependent surveillance equipment, or navigational lighting;

(894) (2) Any condition on board the vessel likely to impair navigation, such as shortage of personnel or lack of current nautical charts or maps, or publications; and

(895) (3) Any characteristics of the vessel that affect or restrict the maneuverability of the vessel, such as arrangement of cargo, trim, loaded condition, under-keel clearance, and speed.)

(896) (d) *Deviation and authorization.* The owner, master, or operator of each towing vessel unable to repair within 96 hours an inoperative marine radar required by §164.72(a) shall so notify the Captain of the Port (COTP) and shall seek from the COTP both a deviation from the requirements of this section and an authorization for continued operation in the area to be transited. Failure of redundant navigational-safety equipment, including but not limited to failure of one of two installed radars, where each satisfies §164.72(a), does not necessitate either a deviation or an authorization.

(897) (1) The initial notice and request for a deviation and an authorization may be spoken, but the request must also be written. The written request must explain why immediate repair is impracticable, and state when and by whom the repair will be made.

(898) (2) The COTP, upon receiving even a spoken request, may grant a deviation and an authorization from any of the provisions of §§164.70 through 164.82 for a specified time if he or she decides that they would not impair the safe navigation of the vessel under anticipated conditions.

Part 165—Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas

Subpart A—General

(899) §165.1 Purpose of part.

(900) The purpose of this part is to—

(901) (a) Prescribe procedures for establishing different types of limited or controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas;

(902) (b) Prescribe general regulations for different types of limited or controlled access areas and regulated navigation areas;

(903) (c) Prescribe specific requirements for established areas; and

(904) (d) List specific areas and their boundaries.

(905) §165.5 Establishment procedures.

(906) (a) A safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area may be established on the initiative of any authorized Coast Guard official.

(907) (b) Any person may request that a safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area be established. Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each request must be submitted in writing to either the Captain of the Port or District Commander having jurisdiction over the location as described in 33 CFR 3, and include the following:

(908) (1) The name of the person submitting the request;

(909) (2) The location and boundaries of the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area;

(910) (3) The date, time, and duration that the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area should be established;

(911) (4) A description of the activities planned for the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area;

(912) (5) The nature of the restrictions or conditions desired; and

(913) (6) The reason why the safety zone, security zone, or regulated navigation area is necessary.

(914) (Requests for safety zones, security zones, and regulated navigation areas are approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 2115–0076, 2115–0219, and 2115–0087.)

(915) (c) Safety Zones and Security Zones. If, for good cause, the request for a safety zone or security zone is made less than 5 working days before the zone is to be established, the request may be made orally, but it must be followed by a written request within 24 hours.

(916) §165.7 Notification.

(917) (a) The establishment of these limited access areas and regulated navigation areas is considered rulemaking. The procedures used to notify persons of the establishment of these areas vary depending upon the circumstances and emergency conditions. Notification may be made by marine broadcasts, local notice to mariners, local news media, distribution in leaflet form, and on-scene oral notice, as well as publication in the **Federal Register**.

(918) (b) Notification normally contains the physical boundaries of the area, the reasons for the rule, its estimated duration, and the method of obtaining authorization to enter the area, if applicable, and special navigational rules, if applicable.

(919) (c) Notification of the termination of the rule is usually made in the same form as the notification of its establishment.

(920) §165.8 Geographic coordinates.

(921) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

Subpart B—Regulated Navigation Areas

(922) §165.10 Regulated navigation area.

(923) A regulated navigation area is a water area within a defined boundary for which regulations for vessels navigating within the area have been established under this part.

(924) §165.11 Vessel operating requirements (regulations).

(925) Each District Commander may control vessel traffic in an area which is determined to have hazardous conditions, by issuing regulations—

(926) (a) Specifying times of vessel entry, movement, or departure to, from, within, or through ports, harbors, or other waters;

(927) (b) Establishing vessel size, speed, draft limitations, and operating conditions; and

(928) (c) Restricting vessel operation, in a hazardous area or under hazardous conditions, to vessels which have particular operating characteristics or capabilities which are considered necessary for safe operation under the circumstances.

(929) §165.13 General regulations.

(930) (a) The master of a vessel in a regulated navigation area shall operate the vessel in accordance with the regulations contained in Subpart F.

(931) (b) No person may cause or authorize the operation of a vessel in a regulated navigation area contrary to the regulations in this Part.

Subpart C—Safety Zones

(932) §165.20 Safety zones.

(933) A Safety Zone is a water area, shore area, or water and shore area to which, for safety or environmental purposes, access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles, or vessels. It may be stationary and described by fixed limits or it may be described as a zone around a vessel in motion.

(934) §165.23 General regulations.

(935) Unless otherwise provided in this part—

(936) (a) No person may enter a safety zone unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander.

(937) (b) No person may bring or cause to be brought into a safety zone any vehicle, vessel, or object unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander.

(938) (c) No person may remain in a safety zone or allow any vehicle, vessel, or object to remain in a safety zone unless authorized by the COTP or the District Commander; and

(939) (d) Each person in a safety zone who has notice of a lawful order or direction shall obey the order or direction of the COTP or District Commander issued to carry out the purposes of this subpart.

Subpart D—Security Zones

(940) §165.30 Security zones.

(941) (a) A security zone is an area of land, water, or land and water which is so designated by the Captain of the Port or District Commander for such time as is necessary to prevent damage or

injury to any vessel or waterfront facility, to safeguard ports, harbors, territories, or waters of the United States or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States.

(942) (b) The purpose of a security zone is to safeguard from destruction, loss, or injury from sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other causes of a similar nature—

(943) (1) Vessels,

(944) (2) Harbors,

(945) (3) Ports and

(946) (4) Waterfront facilities—in the United States and all territory and water, continental or insular, that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(947) **§165.33 General regulations.**

(948) Unless otherwise provided in the special regulations in Subpart F of this part—

(949) (a) No person or vessel may enter or remain in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port;

(950) (b) Each person and vessel in a security zone shall obey any direction or order of the Captain of the Port;

(951) (c) The Captain of the Port may take possession and control of any vessel in the security zone;

(952) (d) The Captain of the Port may remove any person, vessel, article, or thing from a security zone;

(953) (e) No person may board, or take or place any article or thing on board, any vessel in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port; and

(954) (f) No person may take or place any article or thing upon any waterfront facility in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port.

Subpart E—Restricted Waterfront Areas

(955) **§165.40 Restricted Waterfront Areas.**

(956) The Commandant, may direct the COTP to prevent access to waterfront facilities, and port and harbor areas, including vessels and harbor craft therein. This section may apply to persons who do not possess the credentials outlined in 33 CFR 125.09 when certain shipping activities are conducted that are outlined in 33 CFR 125.15.

Subpart F—Specific Regulated Navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas

(957) **§165.1303 Puget Sound and adjacent waters, WA-regulated navigation areas.**

(958) (a) The following is a regulated navigation area: the waters of the United States east of a line extending from Discovery Island Light to New Dungeness Light and all points in the Puget Sound area north and south of these lights.

(959) (b) Regulations.

(960) (1) Tank vessel navigation restrictions: Tank vessels larger than 125,000 deadweight tons bound for a port or place in the United States may not operate in the regulated navigation area.

(961) (2) A vessel in a precautionary area which is depicted on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts, except precautionary area “BB” (a circular area of 2,500 yards radius centered at 48°26'24"N., 122°15'12"W.), must keep the center of the precautionary area to port.

(962) **Note:** The center of precautionary area “RB” is not marked by a buoy.

(963) **§165.1701 Port Valdez, Valdez, Alaska-safety zone.**

(964) The waters within the following boundaries are a safety zone—The area within 200 yards of any waterfront facility at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Valdez Terminal complex or vessels moored or anchored at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Valdez Terminal complex and the area within 200 yards of any tank vessel maneuvering to approach, moor, unmoor, or depart the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Valdez Terminal complex.

(965) **§165.1703 Ammunition Island, Port Valdez, Alaska.**

(966) (a) The waters within the following boundaries is a safety zone—the area within 1330 yards of Ammunition Island, latitude 61°07.5'N., longitude 146°18'W., and the vessel moored or anchored at Ammunition Island.

(967) (b) The area 200 yards off the vessel navigating the Vessel Traffic System from abeam of Naked Island, maneuvering to approach, moor, unmoor at Ammunition Island, or the departure of the Vessel from Ammunition Island.

(968) (c) Special regulation. (1) §165.2312 does not apply to paragraph (a) of this section, except when the vessel is moored to Ammunition Island.

(969) (d) Effective August 25, 1987 Notice of vessels arrival will be made in the Notice to Mariners, Local Notice to Mariners and in the Local Valdez newspaper, prior to the vessel arrival.

(970) **165.1704 Prince William Sound, Alaska-regulated navigation area.**

(971) (a) The following is a regulated navigation area: The navigable waters of the United States north of a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light to Schooner Rock Light, comprising that portion of Prince William Sound between 146°30'W. and 147°20'W. and includes Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows, and Port Valdez.

(972) (b) Within the regulated navigation area described in paragraph (a) of this section, §161.60 of this chapter establishes a VTS Special Area for the waters of Valdez Arm, Valdez Narrows, and Port Valdez northeast of a line bearing 307° True from Tongue Point at 61°02'06"N., 146°40'W.; and southwest of a line bearing 307° True from Entrance Island Light at 61°05'06"N., 146°36'42" W.

(973) (c) Regulations. In addition to the requirements set forth in §161.13 and §161.60(c) of this chapter, a tank vessel of 20,000 deadweight tons or more that intends to navigate within the regulated navigation area must:

(974) (1) Report compliance with Part 164 of this chapter, to the Vessel Traffic Center (VTC);

(975) (2) Have at least two radiotelephones capable of operating on the designated VTS frequency, one of which is capable of battery operation;

(976) (3) When steady wind conditions in the VTS Special Area or Port Valdez exceed, or are anticipated to exceed 40 knots, proceed as directed by the VTC (entry into the VTS Special Area and Port Valdez is prohibited);

(977) (4) When transiting the VTS Special Area, limit speed to 12 knots;

(978) (5) If laden and intending to navigate the VTS Special Area, limit speed to 12 knots except between Middle Rock and Potato Point where the speed limit shall be 6 knots; and

(979) (6) Not later than July 2, 1994 have an operating Automatic Identification System Shipborne Equipment (AISSE) system installed.

(980) (I) The designated digital selective calling frequency (DSC) in Prince William Sound is 156.525 MHZ (VHF Channel 70).

(981) (ii) AISSE equipped vessels will not be required to make voice radio position reports at designated reporting points required by §161.20(b), unless otherwise directed by the VTC.

(982) (iii) Whenever a vessel's AISSE becomes non-operational, as defined in §164.43(c) of this chapter, before entering or while underway in the VTS area, a vessel must:

(983) (A) Notify the VTC;

(984) (B) Make the required voice radio position reports as set forth in §161.60 and required by §161.20 (b) of this chapter;

(985) (c) Make other voice radio reports as required by the VTS; and

(986) (D) Restore the AISSE to operating condition as soon as possible.

(987) (iv) Whenever a vessel's AISSE becomes non-operational due to a loss of position correction information (i.e., the U.S. Coast Guard dGPS system cannot provide the required error correction messages) a vessel must:

(988) (A) Make the required voice radio position reports as set forth in §161.60 and required by §160.20(b) of this chapter; and

(989) (B) Make other voice radio reports as required by the VTS.

(990) (v) Whenever a vessel's AISSE becomes non-operational before getting underway in the VTS area, permission to get underway must be obtained from the VTC.

(991) **Note:** Regulations pertaining to Automatic Identification System Shipborne Equipment (AISSE) required capabilities are set forth in Part 164 of this chapter.

Part 166—Shipping Safety Fairways

Subpart A—General

(992) **§166.10 Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to establish and designate shipping safety fairways and fairway anchorages to provide unobstructed approaches for vessels using U.S. ports.

(993) **§166.10 Geographic Coordinates.**

(994) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(995) **§166.10 Definitions.** (a) "Shippings safety fairway" or "fairway" means a lane or corridor in which no artificial island or fixed structure, whether temporary or permanent, will be permitted. Temporary underwater obstacles may be permitted under certain conditions described for specific areas in Subpart B. Aids to navigation approved by the U.S. Coast Guard may be established in a fairway.

(996) (b) "Fairway anchorage" means an anchorage area contiguous to and associated with a fairway, in which fixed structures may be permitted within certain spacing limitations, as described for specific areas in Subpart B.

(997) **§166.110 Modification of areas.** Fairways are subject to modification in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1223(c); 92 Stat. 1473. Subpart B—Designations of Fairways

(998) **§166.400 Areas along the coast of Alaska.**

(999) (a) Purpose. Fairways, as described in this section, are established to control the erection of structures therein to provide safe vessel routes along the coast of Alaska.

(1000) **(b) Designated Areas. (1) Prince William Sound Safety Fairway.** (I) Hinchinbrook Entrance Safety Fairway. The area enclosed by rhumb lines joining points at:

(1001) 59°59'00"N., 145°27'24"W.

(1002) 60°13'18"N., 146°38'06"W.

(1003) 60°11'24"N., 146°47'00"W.

(1004) 59°55'00"N., 145°42'00"W.

(1005) (ii) Gulf to Hinchinbrook Safety Fairway (recommended for inbound vessel traffic). The area enclosed by rhumb lines joining points at:

(1006) 59°15'42"N., 144°02'07"W.

(1007) 59°59'00"N., 145°27'24"W.

(1008) 59°58'00"N., 145°32'12"W.

(1009) 59°14'18"N., 144°04'53"W.

(1010) (iii) Hinchinbrook to Gulf Safety Fairway (recommended for outbound vessel traffic). The area enclosed by rhumb lines joining points at:

(1011) 59°15'41"N., 144°23'35"W.

(1012) 59°56'00"N., 145°37'39"W.

(1013) 59°55'00"N., 145°42'00"W.

(1014) 59°14'19"N., 144°26'25"W.

(1015) **(2) Unimak Pass Safety Fairway.** (I) East/West Safety Fairway. The area enclosed by rhumb lines joining points at:

(1016) 54°25'58"N., 165°42'24"W.

(1017) 54°22'50"N., 165°06'54"W.

(1018) 54°22'10"N., 164°59'29"W.

(1019) 54°07'58"N., 162°19'25"W.

(1020) 54°04'02"N., 162°20'35"W.

(1021) 54°22'02"N., 165°43'36"W.

(1022) (ii) North/South Safety Fairway. The area enclosed by rhumb lines joining points at:

(1023) 54°42'28"N., 165°16'19"W.

(1024) 54°43'32"N., 165°09'41"W;

(1025) 54°22'50"N., 165°06'54"W.

(1026) 54°22'10"N., 164°59'29"W.

Part 168—Escort Requirements for Certain Tankers.

(1027) **§168.01 Purpose.**

(1028) (a) This part prescribes regulations in accordance with section 4116(c) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) (Pub. L. 101-380). The regulations will reduce the risk of oil spills from laden, single hull tankers over 5,000 GT by requiring that these tankers be escorted by at least two suitable escort vessels. The escort vessels will be immediately available to influence the tankers' speed and course in the event of a steering or propulsion equipment failure, thereby reducing the possibility of groundings or collisions.

(1029) (b) The regulations in this part establish minimum escort vessel requirements. Nothing in these regulations should be construed as relieving the master of a tanker from the duty to operate the vessel in a safe and prudent manner, taking into account the navigational constraints of the waterways to be traversed, other vessel traffic, and anticipated weather, tide, and sea conditions, which may require reduced speeds, greater assistance from escort vessels, or other operational precautions.

(1030) **§168.05 Definitions.**

(1031) As used in this part—

(1032) “Disabled tanker” means a tanker experiencing a loss of propulsion or steering control.

(1033) “Escort transit” means that portion of the tanker’s voyage through waters where escort vessels are required.

(1034) “Escort vessel” means any vessel that is assigned and dedicated to a tanker during the escort transit, and that is fendered and outfitted with towing gear as appropriate for its role in an emergency response to a disabled tanker.

(1035) “Laden” means transporting in bulk any quantity of applicable cargo, except for clingage and residue in otherwise empty cargo tanks.

(1036) “Single hull tanker” means any self-propelled tank vessel that is not constructed with both double bottom and double sides in accordance with the provision of 33 CFR 157.10d.

(1037) “Tanker master” means the licensed onboard person in charge of the tanker.

(1038) “Tanker owner or operator” means the owner or shoreside organization (individual, corporation, partnership, or association), including a demise charterer, responsible for the overall management and operation of the tanker.

(1039) **§168.10 Responsibilities.**

(1040) (a) The tanker owner or operator shall:

(1041) (1) select escort vessels that can meet the performance requirements of this part; and

(1042) (2) inform the tanker master of the performance capabilities of the selected escort vessels. This information must be provided to the master before beginning the escort transit.

(1043) (b) The tanker master shall operate the tanker within the performance capabilities of the escort vessels, taking into account speed, sea and weather conditions, navigational considerations, and other factors that may change or arise during the escort transit.

(1044) (c) In an emergency, the tanker master may deviate from the requirements of this part to the extent necessary to avoid endangering persons, property, or the environment, but shall immediately report the deviation to the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP).

(1045) **§168.20 Applicable vessels.**

(1046) The requirements of this part apply to laden, single hull tankers of 5,000 gross tons or more.

(1047) **§168.30 Applicable cargoes.**

(1048) The requirements of this part apply to any petroleum oil listed in 46 CFR Table 30.25 —1 as a pollution category I cargo.

(1049) **§168.40 Applicable waters and number of escort vessels.**

(1050) The requirements of this part apply to the following waters:

(1051) (a) Prince William Sound: Each tanker to which this part applies must be escorted by at least two escort vessels in those navigable waters of the United States within Prince William Sound, Alaska, and the adjoining tributaries, bays, harbors, and ports, including the navigable waters of the United States within a line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light, to Seal Rocks Light, to a point on Montague Island at 60°14.6'N., 146°59'W., and the waters of Montague Strait east of a line between Cape Puget and Cape Cleare.

(1052) (b) Puget Sound and certain associated waters: Each tanker to which this part applies must be escorted by at least two escort vessels in those navigable waters of the United States and Washington State east of a line connecting New Dungeness Light

with Discovery Island Light and all points in the Puget Sound area north and south of these lights. This area includes all the navigable waters of the United States within Haro Strait, Rosario Strait, the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound, and Hood Canal, as well as those portions of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of the New Dungeness-Discovery Island line.

(1053) **§168.50 Performance and operational requirements.**

(1054) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of §168.10, at all times during the escort transit each tanker to which this part applies:

(1055) (1) Must be accompanied by escort vessels that meet the performance requirements of paragraph (b) of this section (but not less than the number of escorts required by §168.40).

(1056) (2) Must have the escort vessels positioned relative to the tanker such that timely response to a propulsion or steering failure can be effected.

(1057) (3) Must not exceed a speed beyond which the escort vessels can reasonably be expected to safely bring the tanker under control within the navigational limits of the waterway, taking into consideration ambient sea and weather conditions, surrounding vessel traffic, hazards, and other factors that may reduce the available sea room.

(1058) (b) The escort vessels, acting singly or jointly in any combination as needed, and considering their applied force vectors on the tanker’s hull, must be capable of—

(1059) (1) Towing the tanker at 4 knots in calm conditions, and holding it in steady position against a 45-knot headwind;

(1060) (2) Stopping the tanker within the same distance that it could crash-stop itself from a speed of 6 knots using its own propulsion system;

(1061) (3) Holding the tanker on a steady course against a 35-degree locked rudder at a speed of 6 knots; and

(1062) (4) Turning the tanker 90 degrees, assuming a free-swinging rudder and a speed of 6 knots, within the same distance (advance and transfer) that it could turn itself with a hard-over rudder.

(1063) **§168.60 Pre-escort conference.**

(1064) (a) Before commencing an escort transit, the tanker master shall confer, by radio or in person, with the tanker pilot and the masters of the escort vessels regarding the escort operation.

(1065) (b) The purpose of the pre-escort conference is for all parties to plan and discuss particulars of the escort transit.

(1066) (c) At a minimum, the following topics must be addressed during the pre-escort conference:

(1067) (1) The destination, route, planned speed, other vessel traffic, anticipated weather, tide, and sea conditions, and other navigational considerations;

(1068) (2) The type and operational status of communication, towing, steering, and propulsion equipment on the tanker and escort vessels;

(1069) (3) The relative positioning and reaction time for the escort vessels to move into assist positions, including, if appropriate, pre-tethering the escort vessels at crucial points along the route;

(1070) (4) The preparations required on the tanker and escort vessels, and the methods employed in making an emergency tow-line connection, including stationing of deck crews, preparation of messenger lines, bridles, and other towing gear, and energizing appropriate deck equipment;

(1071) (5) The manner in which an emergency towline connection would be made (which escort vessel will respond, how messengers and towlines will be passed, etc.);

(1072) (6) Other relevant information provided by the tanker master, pilot or escort vessel masters.

Part 334—Danger Zones and Restricted Area Regulations

(1073) §334.1 Purpose.

(1074) The purpose of this part is to:

(1075) (a) Prescribe procedures for establishing, amending and disestablishing danger zones and restricted area;

(1076) (b) List the specific danger zones and restricted areas and their boundaries; and

(1077) (c) Prescribe specific requirements, access limitations and controlled activities within the danger zones and restricted areas.

(1078) §334.2 Definitions

(1079) (a) Danger zone. A defined water area (or areas) used for target practice, bombing, rocket firing or other especially hazardous operations, normally for the armed forces. The danger zones may be closed to the public on a full-time or intermittent basis, as stated in the regulations.

(1080) (b) Restricted area. A defined water area for the purpose of prohibiting or limiting public access to the area. Restricted areas generally provide security for Government property and/or protection to the public from the risks of damage or injury arising from the Government's use of that area.

(1081) §334.3 Special policies.

(1082) (a) General. The general regulatory policies stated in 33 CFR part 320 will be followed as appropriate. In addition, danger zone and restricted area regulations shall provide for public access to the area to the maximum extent practicable.

(1083) (b) Food fishing industry. The authority to prescribe danger zone and restricted area regulations must be exercised so as not to unreasonably interfere with or restrict the food fishing industry. Whenever the proposed establishment of a danger zone or restricted area may affect fishing operations, the District Engineer will consult with the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior and the Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

(1084) (c) Temporary, occasional or intermittent use. If the use of the water area is desired for a short period of time, not exceed thirty days in duration, and that planned operations can be conducted safely without imposing unreasonable restrictions on navigation, and without promulgating restricted area regulations in accordance with the regulations in this section, applicants may be informed that formal regulations are not required. Activities of this type shall not reoccur more often than biennially (every other year), unless danger zone/restricted area rules are promulgated under this Part. Proper notices for mariners requesting that vessels avoid the area will be issued by the Agency requesting such use of the water area, or if appropriate, by the District Engineer, to all known interested persons. Copies will also be sent to appropriate State agencies, the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20590, and Director, Defense Mapping Agency, Hydrographic Center, Washington, DC 20390, ATTN: Code NS 12. Notification to all parties and Agencies shall be made at least two weeks prior to the planned event, or earlier, if required for distribution of Local Notice to Mariners by the Coast Guard.

(1085) §334.4 Establishment and amendment procedures.

(1086) (a) Application. Any request for the establishment, amendment or revocation of a danger zone or restricted area must contain sufficient information for the District Engineer to issue a public notice, and as a minimum must contain the following:

(1087) (1) Name, address and telephone number of requestor including the identity of the command and DoD facility and the identity of a point of contact with phone number.

(1088) (2) Name of waterway and if a small tributary, the name of a larger connecting waterbody.

(1089) (3) Name of closest city or town, county/parish and state.

(1090) (4) Location of proposed or existing danger zone or restricted area with a map showing the location, if possible.

(1091) (5) A brief statement of the need for the area, its intended use and detailed description of the times, dates and extent of restriction.

(1092) (b) Public notice. (1) The Corps will normally publish public notices and **Federal Register** documents concurrently. Upon receipt of a request for the establishment, amendment or revocation of a danger zone or restricted area, the District Engineer should forward a copy of the request with his/her recommendation, a copy of the draft public notice and a draft **Federal Register** document to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-OR. The Chief of Engineers will publish the proposal in the **Federal Register** concurrent with the public notice issued by the District Engineer.

(1093) (2) Content. The public notice and **Federal Register** documents must include sufficient information to give a clear understanding of the proposed action and should include the following items of information:

(1094) (I) Applicable statutory authority or authorities; (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1) and (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3)

(1095) (ii) A reasonable comment period. The public notice should fix a limiting date within which comments will be received, normally a period not less than 30 days after publication of the notice.

(1096) (iii) The address of the District Engineer as the recipient of any comments received.

(1097) (iv) The identity of the applicant/proponent;

(1098) (v) The name or title, address and telephone number of the Corps employee from whom additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained;

(1099) (vi) The location of the proposed activity accompanied by a map of sufficient detail to show the boundaries of the area(s) and its relationship to the surrounding area.

(1100) (3) Distribution. Public notice will be distributed in accordance with 33 CFR 325.3(d)(1). In addition to this general distribution, public notices will be sent to the following Agencies:

(1101) (I) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where the use of airspace is involved.

(1102) (ii) The Commander, Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, if a proposed action involves a danger zone off the U.S. Atlantic coast.

(1103) (iii) Proposed danger zones on the U.S. Pacific coast must be coordinated with the applicable commands as follows:

(1104) Alaska, Oregon and Washington:

(1105) Commander, Naval Base, Seattle

(1106) California:

(1107) Commander, Naval Base, San Diego

(1108) Hawaii and Trust Territories:

(1109) Commander, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor

(1110) (c) Public hearing. The District Engineer may conduct a public hearing in accordance with 33 CFR part 327.

(1111) (d) Environmental documentation. The District Engineer shall prepare environmental documentation in accordance with appendix B to 33 CFR part 325.

(1112) (e) District Engineer's recommendation. After closure of the comment period, and upon completion of the District Engineer's review he/she shall forward the case through channels to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-OR with a recommendation of whether or not the danger zone or restricted area regulation should be promulgated. The District Engineer shall include a copy of environmental documentation prepared in accordance with appendix B to 33 CFR part 325, the record of any public hearings, if held, a summary of any comments received and a response thereto, and a draft of the regulation as it is to appear in the **Federal Register**.

(1113) (f) Final decision. The Chief of Engineers will notify the District Engineer of the final decision to either approve or disapprove the regulations. The District Engineer will notify the applicant/proponent and publish a public notice of the final decision. Concurrent with issuance of the public notice the Office of the Chief of Engineers will publish the final decision in the **Federal Register** and either withdraw the proposed regulation or issue the final regulation as appropriate. The final rule shall become effective no sooner than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** unless the Chief of Engineers finds that sufficient cause exists and publishes that rationale with the regulations.

(1114) **§334.5 Disestablishment of a danger zone.**

(1115) (a) Upon receipt of a request from any agency for the disestablishment of a danger zone, the District Engineer shall notify that agency of its responsibility for returning the area to a condition suitable for use by the public. The agency must either certify that it has not used the area for a purpose that requires cleanup or that it has removed all hazardous materials and munitions, before the Corps will disestablish the area. The agency will remain responsible for the enforcement of the danger zone regulations to prevent unauthorized entry into the area until the area is deemed safe for use by the public and the area is disestablished by the Corps.

(1116) (b) Upon receipt of the certification required in paragraph (a) of this section, the District shall forward the request for disestablishment of the danger zone through channels to CECW-OR, with its recommendations. Notice of proposed rulemaking and public procedures as outlined in §334.4 are not normally required before publication of the final rule revoking a restricted area or danger zone regulation. The disestablishment/revocation of the danger zone or restricted area regulation removes a restriction on a waterway.

(1117) **§334.6 Datum.**

(1118) (a) Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose reference horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(1119) (b) For further information on NAD 83 and National Service nautical charts please contact:

(1120) Director, Coast Survey (N/CG2)

(1121) National Ocean Service, NOAA

(1122) 1315 East-West Highway, Station 6147

(1123) Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

(1124) **§334.1280 Bristol Bay, Alaska; air-to-air weapon range, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force.** (a) The danger zone. An area in Bristol Bay beginning at latitude 58°24'N., longitude 159°10'W.; thence to latitude 57°58'N., longitude 158°30'W.; thence to latitude 57°07'N., longitude 160°20'W.; thence to latitude 58°02'N., longitude 161°40'W.; and thence to the point of beginning.

(1125) (b) The regulations. (1) Intermittent firing will be conducted over two to three day periods about 2 hours a day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the months of May through August.

(1126) (2) The fact that practice firing is to take place over the designated area shall be advertised to the public 72 hours in advance through the usual media for the dissemination of such information. Notice to the U.S. Coast Guard and NOTAM shall be issued at least 48 hours before firing is to be conducted on the range. Information as to the dates, time, and characteristics of the firing shall be advertised in advance of each session of firing.

(1127) (3) Prior to conducting each practice firing, the danger zone shall be patrolled by aircraft to note the location of all vessels within the area. The practice firing exercise shall be conducted in the portion of the danger zone not occupied by surface craft.

(1128) (4) This section shall be enforced by the Commander, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force, Seattle, Washington, or such agencies as he may designate.

(1129) **§334.1290 In Bering Sea, Shemya Island Area, Alaska; meteorological rocket launching facility, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force.** (a) The danger zone. An arc of a circle with a 45-nautical-mile radius of the launch point centered at latitude 52°43'30"N., longitude 174°06'05"E. extending clockwise from 110° true bearing to 200° true bearing.

(1130) (b) The regulation. (1) Rockets will normally be launched one each day Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rocket hardware will discharge into the sea 22.5 to 37.5 nautical miles off the launchsite. The instrument package with parachute will impact about 1½ hours later at an undetermined area, depending on weather conditions.

(1131) (2) All mariners entering the area will do so at their own risk and are cautioned to take evasive action as necessary.

(1132) (3) The regulation in this section shall be enforced by the Department of the Air Force, Headquarters 6th Weather Wing (MAC), Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. 20331.

(1133) **§334.1300 Blying Sound area, Gulf of Alaska, Alaska; air-to-air gunnery practice area, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force.** (a) The danger zone. A rhomboidal area beginning at

(1134) 59°51'30"N., 148°42'00"W.; thence to

(1135) 59°22'30"N., 147°00'00"W.; thence to

(1136) 58°52'00"N., 148°03'00"W.; thence to

(1137) 59°20'00"N., 149°45'00"W., and thence to point of beginning.

(1138) (b) The regulations. (1) 20-mm. cannon will be fired at towed targets in the air. One firing mission will be conducted every 2 weeks during daylight hours only and weather permitting.

(1139) (2) The fact that practice firing is to take place over the designated area shall be advertised to the public 7 days in advance through the usual media for the dissemination of such information. Notice to the U.S. Coast Guard and NOTAM shall be

issued at least 48 hours before firing is to be conducted on the range. Information as to the dates, time, and characteristics of the firing shall be advertised in advance of each session of firing.

(1140) (3) Prior to conducting each practice firing, the danger zone shall be patrolled by aircraft to note the location of all vessels within the area. The practice firing exercise shall be conducted in the portion of the danger zone not occupied by surface craft.

(1141) (4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Alaskan Air Command, U.S. Air Force, Anchorage, Alaska, or such agencies as he may designate.

(1142) **§334.1320 Kuluk Bay, Adak, Alaska; naval restricted area.**

(1143) (a) The area. The northwest portion of Kuluk Bay bounded as follows: Beginning on shore at

(1144) 51°55'00"N., 176°33'09"W.; thence due east to

(1145) 51°55'00"N., 176°33'09"W.; thence due south to

(1146) 51°51'55"N., 176°31'09"W.; thence due west to the shore at

(1147) 51°51'00"N., 176°37'43"W.; thence along the shoreline to the point of beginning.

(1148) (b) The regulations. (1) Except in great emergency, no vessel shall anchor in the restricted area described above.

(1149) (2) The dragging of anchors in or across the restricted area is prohibited and no object attached to a vessel shall be placed on or near the bottom.

(1150) (3) Fishing and trawling activities in the restricted area are prohibited.

(1151) (4) The regulation of this restricted area shall be enforced by the Commander, Patrol Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California, and such agencies and he/she may designate.

(1152) **§334.1330 Bering Strait, Alaska; naval restricted area off Cape Prince of Wales.** (a) The area. An area 2,000 feet wide extending from a point on Cape Prince of Wales marked by a triangular cable marker located approximately midway between the village of Wales and Cape Prince of Wales Light to a point four statute miles due west of the cable marker with the axis of the area passing through the two points.

(1153) (b) The regulations. (1) No vessel shall anchor in the restricted area described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(1154) (2) Dragging of anchors in or across the restricted area is prohibited and no object attached to a vessel shall be placed on or near the bottom.

(1155) (3) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Third Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and such agencies as he may designate.

TITLE 50—WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part 223—Threatened Marine and Anadromous Species

Subpart B—Restrictions Applicable to Threatened Marine and Anadromous Species

(1156) **§223.202 Steller sea lion.**

(1157) (a) *General prohibitions.* The prohibitions of section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1538) and the following regulatory provisions shall apply to the eastern population of Steller sea lions:

(1158) (1) *No discharge of firearms.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, no person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States may discharge a firearm at or within 100 yards

(91.4 meters) of a Steller sea lion. A firearm is any weapon, such as a pistol or rifle, capable of firing a missile using an explosive charge as a propellant.

(1159) (2) *No approach in buffer areas.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section:

(1160) (i) No owner or operator of a vessel may allow the vessel to approach within 3 nautical miles (5.5 kilometers) of a Steller sea lion rookery site listed in paragraph (a)(3) of this section;

(1161) (ii) No person may approach on land not privately owned within one-half statutory miles (0.8 kilometers) or within sight of a Steller sea lion rookery site listed in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, whichever is greater, except on Marmot Island; and

(1162) (iii) No person may approach on land not privately owned within one and one-half statutory miles (2.4 kilometers) or within sight of the eastern shore of Marmot Island, including the Steller sea lion rookery site listed in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, whichever is greater.

(1163) (3) *Listed sea lion rookery sites.* Listed Steller sea lion rookery sites consist of the rookeries in the Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska listed in Table 1.

(1164) (4) *Commercial Fishing Operations.* The incidental mortality and serious injury of endangered and threatened Steller sea lions in commercial fisheries can be authorized in compliance with sections 101(a)(5) and 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

(1165) (b) *Exceptions—(1) Permits.* The Assistant Administrator may issue permits authorizing activities that would otherwise be prohibited under paragraph (a) of this section in accordance with and subject to the provisions of part 222, subpart C—General Permit Procedures.

(1166) (2) *Official activities.* The taking of Steller sea lions must be reported within 30 days to the Regional Administrator, Alaska Region. Paragraph (a) of this section does not prohibit or restrict a Federal, state or local government official, or his or her designee, who is acting in the course of official duties from:

(1167) (i) Taking a Steller sea lion in a humane manner, if the taking is for the protection or welfare of the animal, the protection of the public health and welfare, or the nonlethal removal of nuisance animals; or

(1168) (ii) Entering the buffer areas to perform activities that are necessary for national defense, or the performance of other legitimate governmental activities.

(1169) (3) *Subsistence takings by Alaska natives.* Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to the taking of Steller sea lions for subsistence purposes under section 10(e) of the Act.

(1170) (4) *Emergency situations.* Paragraph (a)(2) of this section does not apply to an emergency situation in which compliance with that provision presents a threat to the health, safety, or life of a person or presents a significant threat to the vessel or property.

(1171) (5) *Exemptions.* Paragraph (a)(2) of this section does not apply to any activity authorized by a prior written exemption from the Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service. Concurrently with the issuance of any exemption, the Assistant Administrator will publish notice of the exemption in the FEDERAL REGISTER. An exemption may be granted only if the activity will not have a significant adverse affect on Steller sea lions, the activity has been conducted historically or traditionally in the buffer zones, and there is not readily available and acceptable alternative to or site for the activity.

(1172) (6) *Navigational transit.* Paragraph (a)(2) of this section does not prohibit a vessel in transit from passing through a strait,

narrows, or passageway listed in this paragraph if the vessel proceeds in continuous transit and maintains a minimum of 1 nautical mile from the rookery site. The listing of a strait, narrows, or passageway does not indicate that the area is safe for navigation. The listed straits, narrows, or passageways include the following:

Rookery	Straits, narrows, or pass
Akutan Island	Akutan Pass between Cape Morgan and Unalga Island.
Clubbing Rocks	Between Clubbing Rocks and Cherni Island.

Rookery	Straits, narrows, or pass
Outer Island	Wildcat Pass between Rabbit and Ragged Islands.

(1173) (c) *Penalties.* (1) Any person who violates this section or the Act is subject to the penalties specified in section 11 of the Act, and any other penalties provided by law.

(1174) (2) Any vessel used in violation of this section or the Endangered Species Act is subject to forfeiture under section 11(e)(4)(B) of the Act.

TABLE 1 TO §223.202—LISTED STELLER SEA LION ROCKERY SITES¹

Island		From		To		NOAA Chart	Notes
		Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude		
1.	Outer I.	59°20.5'N	150°23.0'W	59°21.0'N	150°24.5'W	16681	S quadrant.
2.	Sugarloaf I.	58°53.0'N	152°02.0'W			16580	Whole island.
3.	Marmot I.	58°14.5'N	151°47.5'W	58°10.0'N	151°51.0'W	16580	SE quadrant.
4.	Chirikof I.	55°46.5'N	155°39.5'W	55°46.5'N	155°43.0'W	16580	S quadrant.
5.	Chowiet I.	56°00.5'N	156°41.5'W	56°00.5'N	156°42.0'W	16013	S quadrant.
6.	Atkins I.	55°03.5'N	159°18.5'W			16540	Whole Island.
7.	Chemabura I.	54°47.5'N	159°31.0'W	54°45.5'N	159°33.5'W	16540	SE corner.
8.	Pinnacle Rock	54°46.0'N	161°46.0'W			16540	Whole Island.
9.	Clubbing Rks (N)	54°43.0'N	162°26.5'W			16540	Whole Island.
	Clubbing Rks (S)	54°42.0'N	162°26.5'W			16540	Whole Island.
10.	Sea Lion Rks	55°28.0'N	163°12.0'W			16520	Whole Island.
11.	Ugamak I.	54°14.0'N	164°48.0'W	54°13.0'N	164°48.0'W	16520	E end of Island.
12.	Akun I.	54°18.0'N	165°32.5'W	54°18.0'N	165°31.5'W	16547	Billings Head Bight.
13.	Akutan I.	54°03.5'N	166°00.0'W	54°05.5'N	166°05.0'W	16520	SW corner, Cape Morgan.
14.	Bogoslof I.	53°56.0'N	168°02.0'W			16500	Whole island.
15.	Ogchul I.	53°00.0'N	168°24.0'W			16500	Whole island.
16.	Adugak I.	52°55.0'N	169°10.5'W			16500	Whole island.
17.	Yunaska I.	52°42.0'N	170°38.5'W	52°41.0'N	170°34.5'W	16500	NE end.
18.	Seguam I.	52°21.0'N	172°35.0'W	52°21.0'N	172°33.0'W	16480	N coast, Saddleridge Pt.
19.	Agligadak I.	52°06.5'N	172°54.0'W			16480	Whole island.
20.	Kasatochi I.	52°10.0'N	175°31.5'W	52°10.5'N	175°29.0'W	16480	N half of island.
21.	Adak I.	51°36.5'N	176°59.0'W	51°38.0'N	176°59.5'W	16460	SW Point, Lake Point.
22.	Gramp rock	51°29.0'N	178°20.5'W			16460	Whole island.
23.	Tag I.	51°33.5'N	178°34.5'W			16460	Whole island.
24.	Ulak I.	51°20.0'N	178°57.0'W	51°18.5'N	178°59.5'W	16460	SE corner, Hasgox Pt.
25.	Semisopochnoi	51°58.5'N	179°45.5'E	51°57.0'N	179°46.0'E	16440	E quadrant, Pochnoi Pt.
	Semisopochnoi	52°01.5'N	179°37.5'E	52°01.5'N	179°39.0'E	16440	N quadrant, Petrel Pt.
26.	Amchitka I.	51°22.5'N	179°28.0'E	51°21.5'N	179°25.0'E	16440	East Cape.
27.	Amchitak I	51°32.5'N	178°49.5'E			16440	Column Rocks.
28.	Ayugadak Pt.	51°45.5'N	178°24.5'E			16440	SE coast of Rat Island.
29.	Kiska I.	51°57.5'N	177°21.0'E	51°56.5'N	177°20.0'E	16440	W central, Lief Cove.
30.	Kiska I.	51°52.5'N	177°13.0'E	51°53.5'N	177°12.0'E	16440	Cape St. Stephen.
31.	Walrus I.	57°11.0'N	169°56.0'W			16380	Whole island.
32.	Buldir I.	52°20.5'N	175°57.0'E	52°23.5'N	175°51.0'E	16420	SE point to NW point.
33.	Agattu I.	52°24.0'N	173°21.5'E			16420	Gillion Point.
34.	Agattu I.	52°23.5'N	173°43.5'E	52°22.0'N	173°41.0'E	16420	Cape Sabak.
35.	Attu I.	52°54.5'N	172°28.5'E	52°57.5'N	172°31.5'E	16681	S Quadrant.

¹ Each site extends in a clockwise direction from the first set of geographic coordinates along the shoreline at mean lower low water to the second set of coordinates; or, if only one set of geographic coordinates is listed, the site extends around the entire shoreline of the island at mean lower low water.